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'Over \$50M to reopen COP'

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he Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort, which is in ruins after sustaining extensive damage during Super Typhoon Yutu in October last year, would need over \$50 million to reopen, according to an official of its parent company.

In an interview with E-Land Group chief executive officer Matthew Park last Saturday, he said that E-Land

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Acosta out at USDOL





Pizzela

By CAROLINE S. ENGELMAYER and **NOAH BIERMAN**

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON—Embattled Secretary of Labor R. Alexander Acosta announced his resignation Friday amid mounting criticism of a lenient plea deal he struck with a now-convicted sex offender while Acosta was a federal prosecutor in Florida.

Acosta's departure, which takes

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House OKs MPLT loan bill

By ERWIN ENCINARES erwin encinares@saipantribune.com

The House of Representatives finally passed a bill paving the way for the Marianas Public Land Trust to loan the CNMI government up to \$15 would now be used for "extraordinary million, with tweaks to reflect that it expenses made under extraordinary Fund, was tweaked to "ensure that

>> Measure now seeks \$15M MPLT loan for 'extraordinary expenses'

circumstances."

House Speaker Blas Jonathan "BJ" Attao's (R-Saipan) House Bill 20-44, which originally

intends to assist the CNMI government to meet its bond obligations and fund payment to the NMI Settlement in the form of a substitute as offered

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there are adequate funds at the disposal of the Department of Finance for purposes of paying [for] expenses as a result of

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IPI's subcontractor: 7 are not our employees

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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Gold Mantis Construction Decoration (CNMI) LLC now argues that the seven construction workers who are suing the company, Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC, and another contractor, are not their employees but that of another subcontractor that used to work on IPI's casino/resort project in Garapan.

Gold Mantis, through its counsel Tiberius D. Mocanu, said it does not have enough information to know whether that subcontractor has paid the seven plaintiffs their wages.

Mocanu did not identify the subcontractor's name.

In Gold Mantis' answer to the lawsuit of the seven

plaintiffs, Mocanu said that the company's management returned to China in March 2017.

Gold Mantis used to serve as a subcontractor of IPI's casino/resort project.

The lawyer admits that there was a protest in January 2017 by workers who alleged they were owed money by Gold Mantis.

The plaintiffs—Tianming Wang, Dong Han, Yongjun Meng, Liangcai Sun, Youli Wang, Quingchun Xu, and Xiyang Du—are suing IPI, Gold Mantis, and contractor MCC International Saipan Ltd Co. over the injuries they suffered during accidents at IPI's casino/resort project worksite.

The plaintiffs, who are all Chinese nationals, are suing the defendants for alleged forced labor in violation of the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act, forced labor in violation of the CNMI Anti-Trafficking Act, negligence, and liability for employees of subcontractor.

The workers alleged, among other things, that they were forced to work long hours for below minimum wage under extremely dangerous conditions at the casino-resort worksite.

In Gold Mantis' answer to the complaint, Mocanu said his client employed a safety officer and that that person's duty was to maintain a safe workplace.

Mocanu said Gold Mantis admits that it was delinquent in paying its workers the minimum wage required under applicable laws.

Mocanu said the company

admits that it settled certain labor disputes with the U.S. Department of Labor.

The lawyer said the company admits to the extent that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration found violations committed by the company and that a fire occurred on March 14, 2017.

He did not specify whether Gold Mantis management left the CNMI before or after the fire.

A 43-year-old Chinese national died on March 22, 2017, after he reportedly fell 24 feet to the ground from a scaffold at the construction site of IPI's casino/resort project.

DONATION

Guam's Department of Parks and Recreation received last July 11 a donation of six rescue tubes and 10 CPR resuscitator masks from Margarita Nicolas, center, a training specialist provider and coordinator for the American Red Cross-Guam Chapter, who tuned over the donation to Red Cross lifeguard instructor trainer Ken Concepcion, left, and Parks and Recreation administrator Jon Cramer. The total donation is valued at \$500. These items are essential lifeguarding tools. July is also Parks and Recreation Month. A proclamation signing was also held



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Amended suit by ex-CUC board chair Guerrero dismissed

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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The federal court dismissed Friday the amended lawsuit filed by former Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board chair Francisco Q. Guerrero against seven current and former Department of Corrections officials and employees over the alleged injuries he suffered when an inmate beat him up inside DOC.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ruled that Guerrero, who is also an inmate, has failed to state a claim against the seven defendants—former DOC commissioner Vince Attao, pretrial director Jose K. Pangelinan, captain Pius Yaroitemal, shift supervisor Romualdo Teregeyo Jr., and Professional Standard Unit officers Fred Billy, Marvin Seman, and Leanna P. Quitugua.

Manglona ruled that Guerrero has not stated a claim for failure to train or supervise against Attao, Pangelinan, Yaroitemal, or Teregeyo.

With respect to defendants Billy, Seman, and Quitugua, the judge said Guerrero does not allege any facts regarding an ongoing violation that these three were aware of and knowingly failed to respond to.

Manglona said the fact that these three officers were not receptive to Guerrero's requests and have not responded to his complaint is not enough to state a claim for violations of his 8th and 14th Amendment rights for the injuries he sustained at the hands of another inmate.

Manglona ruled that Guerrero has failed to state a plausible claim against Billy, Seman, and Quitugua.

The judge gave Guerrero until Aug. 2, 2019, to correct the deficiencies in his complaint.

Manglona added that Guerrero has failed to establish a threat of actual and imminent injury necessary for an injunctive relief that he sought in his first amended complaint.

The judge said Guerrero's first amended complaint does not contain any allegation of a threat of repeated injury that is actual or imminent.

Therefore, Manglona said, Guerrero has not demonstrated that he has standing to bring a claim for injunctive relief.

"That is not to say that Guerrero lacks standing completely," said Manglona, adding that Guerrero needs to show a future threat of injury to sue for damages, as he has done against all defendants in their personal capacities.

Manglona said if he chooses to file a second amended complaint, Guerrero must allege sufficient factual content to state a claim.

If Guerrero does not file a second amended complaint, the court will order the U.S. Marshal to serve the first amended complaint on the seven defendants only—DOC officers Joaquin Sablan, Manuela Guerrero, Rachel Rebuenog, Jose Castro, Laena Cabrera, Eloy Dela Cruz, and Keith Lizama.

Guerrero previously stated a claim for failure to protect against Sablan, Manuela Guerrero, Rebuenog, Castro, Cabrera, and Dela Cruz.

Manglona also previously ruled that Guerrero's allegations are sufficient to plausibly state a claim that Lizama was aware of the risk that another inmate might violently harm him and acted with deliberate indifference to his safety by leaving his post.

Lizama was allegedly the officer assigned to Guerrero's pod on the day when inmate John Kileleman attacked Guerrero on Jan. 14, 2019.

Guerrero is serving a sixyear prison term for sexual abuse of a minor.

Guerrero alleged that Kileleman, who is mentally ill, beat him up when he tried to pacify him from beating another inmate last Jan. 14.

In April 2019, Guerrero, without a lawyer, filed his original complaint against 14 DOC officials and Kileleman. Manglona said she interprets plaintiff's claims against these defendants in three categories: failure to protect, failure to supervise, and failure to investigate.

Manglona had dismissed without prejudice Guerrero's claim against Kileleman and against seven defendants.

Dismissal without prejudice means Guerrero may refile the claim against Kileleman and the seven defendants.

Guerrero then filed his first amended complaint against the seven defendants, this time not including Kileleman.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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HAGATNA, Guam—The Guam Department of Revenue & Taxation and Department of Administration will mail today over 1,433 tax refund checks totaling approximately \$ 4.6 million, including refunds garnished to repay government debts, for errorfree returns filed on or before Feb. 8, 2019. For inquiries, contact Income Tax Branch, Department of Revenue & Taxation at (671) 635-1840 or Edward Birn, Department of Administration, at (671) 475-1250. **(PR)**

Guam health centers' hours of operation

Effective Aug. 3, 2019, hours of operation of the Southern Region Community Health Center are Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm. Hours of operation of the Northern Region Community Health Center are Monday through Friday, 8am to 6pm and Saturdays 8am to 5pm. For more information, patients may call SRCHC at 828-7506 and NRCHC at 635-7400. (*PR*)

NMD group concerned about MPLT loan to CNMI govt

By MARC VENUS

REPORTER

A council that supposedly represents those of Northern Marianas descent has expressed concerns about House Bill 21-44 to authorize the Marianas Public Land Trust to loan \$15 million to the CNMI government.

In a letter to House of Representatives Speaker Blas Jonathan Attao (R-Saipan) last Wednesday, Juan Castro, interim chairman of the Northern Marianas Descent Council Inc., said that MPLT's decision to approve the loan to the CNMI government needs to be questioned. The council questions both the House's passage of the measure and the legality of the bill itself.

"The Legislature has... abdicated its constitutional authority and responsibility to maintain control over the public purse by granting the governor essentially unlimited reprogramming authority," Castro stated in the letter. "We know the Executive Branch incurred a hefty deficit well before [Super Typhoon] Yutu hit. ...The causes of the deficit have yet to be meaningfully examined or explained."

The letter also raises concern that the council is aware that the Public School System will not be remitted the

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25% revenue and that government workers are experiencing a 25% cut in their salaries due to the ongoing

"Retirees have been receiving 100% of their retirement annuities, though the Settlement Agreement in the federal court case only guarantees them 75%," Castro said.

Castro added in the letter that payment of the Settlement Funds with funds borrowed from MPLT will free up general revenues to continue paying retirees an additional 25%, which means the bonuses are likely illegal.

In a separate phone call, Castro informed Saipan Tribune that he was able to speak with Attao weeks before the bill's passing and Attao acknowledged their concerns about the bill. "We were able to meet and we discussed the group's concerns about this matter and I thank the speaker for his presence," Castro added.

Castro said the council has two primary concerns about the bill. The first is that the funding that will be provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency will "reimburse only genuine and legitimate disaster relief and recovery expenses."

The other issue is the in-



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terest on the loan. The MPLT has set the interest rate of 7.5% and the loan must be paid in five years. The concern is that the government austerity measures. may not be able to pay back to loan in such a time.

> A council participant who attended the group's signatory meeting last Saturday and agreed to speak on condition of anonymity, said, "I am against the bill because the first [MPLT] loan hasn't been repaid [yet]," he said, referring to the money MPLT loaned to the government to fund the Commonwealth Health Care Corp. years ago.

He described the new loan as "a breach of fiduciary duties" as there has never been a financial institution that has ever given a loan to a company that has a default loan. "I think that it's imprudent and unconstitutional, because the Constitution requires prudence and reasonableness in how the [MPLT] manages the benefits," he added.

A substitution bill of H.B. 21-44 was passed last Friday by the CNMI House of Representatives. It authorizes the loan and appropriates and authorizes the MPLT to withhold and to retain net annual

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Man allegedly violates probation with same offense

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

A man who was on probation for assault and battery-domestic violence was arrested anew for the same offense.

Felix Muña Kileleman Jr., 26, was arrested again for as-

sault and battery-domestic violence after allegedly beating his girlfriend in front of their 6-year-old child over a dispute about going out to a bar.

Kileleman, through Office of the Public Defender's Karie Comstock, waived his preliminary hearing last Thursday. He will be arraigned on July 15.

According to court information, Department of Public Safety officers responded to a disturbance at the Grandvrio apartment located in central Garapan on July 1 at 10:22pm.

At the scene, officers met with Kileleman's girlfriend,

who reported that she was assaulted by her boyfriend, Kileleman. Police said the victim

The victim told police that she, Kileleman, and their 6-year-old daughter had just arrived home from the Liberation Day carnival at around

had messy hair and red eyes.

could go out to a bar but she did not want to go. Kileleman and the victim got into an argument and she told him to leave. As Kileleman was leav-

9pm that night.

Kileleman wanted to get a

babysitter so he and the victim

ing, the victim said she tried

to push the door shut but was

stopped by Kileleman. Kileleman allegedly pushed the door open and, with both hands, shoved the victim backwards. The victim told police that Kileleman pulled her hair, punched her in the

head and face, and choked her.

by floor leader Rep. John Paul

Sablan (R-Saipan) during the

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The victim said their 6-yearold daughter saw the scene and screamed at Kileleman to stop. Police then contacted the Division of Youth Services to interview the child.

The victim stated that Kileleman might still be on probation for assaulting her back in 2018.

Court documents confirmed that Kileleman pleaded guilty to count one assault and battery-domestic violence back in 2018.

The case is being handled by Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo.

House agrees to limit birth tourism with exemptions

By ERWIN ENCINARES

The House of Representatives ultimately passed a joint resolution last Friday afternoon that basically says the CNMI Legislature is open to limiting birthright citizenships in the Commonwealth.

House Joint Resolution 21-4 House Draft 2, as passed by the House, seeks to limit birthright citizenship to children whose mother is either legally employed in the CNMI or a citizen of a nation under the Compact of Free Association.

A joint resolution means it has to be adopted by both the CNMI House of Representatives and CNMI Senate. It, however, is not a law and merely conveys the sentiment of the CNMI Legislature.

The resolution now heads to the Senate for concurrence.

In a question addressed to the House legal counsel, Rep. Joseph "Lee Pan" Guerrero (R-Saipan) asked if HJR 21-4 also includes pre-employment contract pregnancies. But both House legal counsels John Cool and Joe Taisacan opined that joint resolution only applies once the baby is born.

Ultimately, HJR 21-4 passed on a vote of 15-1, with four members absent. Rep. Sheila Babauta (Ind-Saipan) opposed it. In a later statement, she noted that the lack of proper documentation for the joint resolution was why she did not support it.

"The resolution is a statement of intent to create policy in this direction and that is a bold statement to make. I was

not comfortable supporting a statement of this magnitude without proper research and documentation," she said.

It was discovered during the discussion of HJR 21-4 that the resolution was actually a result of 902 talks earlier this year.

"I wanted this resolution sent back to committee to further study the impact of birth tourism, the topic of U.S. citizenship, our unique relationship with the federal government, and the authorities granted to us by the Covenant," she said. "Do we have the authority to grant or deny U.S. citizenship? Is this the smartest way to address the issue? What other options do we have? How will this impact our relationship with the U.S.?

In an interview with Saipan

Tribune, House Speaker Blas Jonathan "BJ" Attao (R-Saipan), the main sponsor of the bill, noted that birth tourism wasn't an issue.

"...Back when we controlled our immigration, we were responsible for all this stuff. ... We actually had a holding cell," he said. "We never really had a problem with overstaying or stuff like that. This is one of the things, since the takeover of our immigration...[that] has been [spiking] over the years."

He pointed out that the standard practice at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, based on his conversations with them over the years, is to look at bank accounts.

"Can they afford to live here? Can they pay for their births here in the CNMI? If they can, they let them [enter]," he added.

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Islands, a U.S. commonwealth

in the Western Pacific, from

adopting federal minimum

House's session last Friday afternoon.

Rep. Sheila Babauta (Ind-Saipan) had questioned the changes in the intent and purpose of the bill and Attao explained that it was made at the recommendation of the Office

of the Attorney General.

He noted that the terms "bond obligations and fund payment to the NMI Settlement Fund" originated from the OAG as well.

"They defined 'extraordinary expenses under extraordinary circumstances' as beyond operational costs that is appropriated by the general fund and, in their legal point of view, they said payments to the NMI Settlement Fund and bond interests are technically operational costs and, in order to be able to utilize these funds, they said they would have to recommend that the language be changed," Attao said.

He said the OAG recommended that the language be changed to respect the definition of operational costs, which does not cover typhoon recovery.

"...It is useless for this body to pass this legislation and get it onto the governor's desk knowing the fact that the negotiating terms are on different conditions. [If that happens,] we would have to come back and introduce a brandnew legislation," he added.

In a later statement from Babauta, she noted that she voted in support of the bill because of the current situation of the CNMI economy post- Yutu.

"I voted in support of this bill because I understand the reality of cash flow issues we are facing right now. Recovery takes time. Businesses were affected, flights halted, our economy was not moving and projected revenue collections reduced. Collections are now improving, but we are still struggling to fund our government and pay vendors owed for disaster expenses. We must remember that our vendors

are a part of our economy. They employ our community, provide services to our government, and pay taxes," Babauta said.

Commenting on the bill's change of intent, Attao noted that after discussing the matter with the OAG and MPLT, the language had to be amended in order to prevent unconstitutionality in the language of the intent of the bill—the financial relief of the CNMI government.

The bill needed the support of at least a simple majority, or more than half of the total number of representatives present. Altogether, the bill garnered a vote of 14-2, with Reps. Donald Manglona (Ind-Rota) and Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) voting against it. The four members absent were Reps. Richard Lizama (Ind-Saipan), Marco Peter (R-Saipan), Tina Sablan (Ind-Saipan), and Ralph Yumul (R-Saipan).

Manglona voted against the measure because he noted that the bill only entertained the post-disaster needs of Saipan. He offered an amendment to have at least 5% each of the loan go to recovery efforts for Tinian and Rota as well, which were both battered by Yutu and Typhoon Mangkhut, respectively. His amendment was defeated with a vote of 7-10.

Propst did not support the measure because he believed that there are other options. He cited examples where the CNMI government could pull out money, including the annual Community Benefit Fund that Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC provides.

He further added that he wants the bill amended to have at least some financial limitations set in order to control where the MPLT loan money goes to, which Rep. Joel Camacho (R-Saipan) agreed to. However, no further amendments were made to the bill.

"...I wanted to support the bill—and I do support it—but I have concerns," Propst explained during discussions. Ultimately, he said he supported the intent but not the bill during roll call.

The bill now goes to the Senate for action.

ACOSTA

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effect this week, means acting secretaries will head four major federal departments. He is the 11th Cabinet official to quit or be forced out, several under ethical or legal clouds, since President Donald Trump took office.

Trump told reporters that Acosta had called him Friday morning to resign, adding, "It's his decision." Acosta said he wanted to avoid becoming a distraction to the administration so it could focus on the economy.

The resignation came two days after Acosta held a news conference to try to save his job by defending the plea agreement he negotiated in 2008 with Jeffrey Epstein, a wealthy financier, when

Acosta served as U.S. attorney in Miami.

The news conference was aimed in part at persuading a president who is happy to gin up his own controversies but tends to resent bad publicity caused by underlings. Acosta's effort to absolve himself of responsibility failed after prosecutors in Florida publicly challenged his account.

On Friday, Trump praised Acosta but did not say he had tried to persuade him to stay.

"I do not think it is right and fair for this administration's Labor Department to have Epstein as its focus," Acosta said as he stood beside Trump at the White House before the president departed for a trip to Wisconsin and Ohio for fundraising events and a speech.

Trump seemed concerned.

"Alex believes that. I'm willing to live with anything," he said. "Alex felt that way.

"He was a great student at Harvard. He's Hispanic, which I so admire, because maybe it was a little tougher for him and maybe not," Trump added. "That's what I know about him. I know one thing—he did a great job."

Acosta added that "Cabinet positions are temporary trusts," a fact that is especially notable in Trump's White House, which has struggled with record turnover.

Acosta's departure means Patrick Pizzella, the deputy secretary of labor, will serve as acting secretary. Pizzella's career also is tinged by controversy.

A former lobbyist, Pizzella was involved in an effort in the late 1990s and early 2000s to wage laws. Pizzella worked on the project with Jack Abramoff, an influential lobbyist who later

was sentenced to six years in prison for charges related to fraud. The issue dogged Pizzella

during his Senate confirmation hearings for deputy secretary in July 2017.

"One of the key issues you lobbied on was to block bipartisan legislation for basic worker protections in the Northern Mariana Islands, where garment manufacturers could produce clothing labeled made in the USA without having to comply with U.S. minimum wage laws," then-Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., said.

COP

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is looking at investing over \$50 million to repairs Coral Ocean Point.

"If we have good condition with our government, maybe more than \$50 million," he said during Saturday's third anniversary bash of Kensington Hotel Saipan, which is also owned by E-Land Group.

Park said E-Land aims to partially re-open COP by March 2020, focusing, first, on the golf course and the buildings that remain intact after Yutu

"We're going to open the golf course and the current buildings and we're going to add more to the new buildings," he said.

According to Saipan Tribune archives, the COP renovations started since early May.

Gloria Cavanagh, who leads the Hotel Association of the Northern Marianas Islands as chairwoman, said in a previous interview that the demolition of certain COP buildings has already started.

Because damage to some areas of the resort were so

severe, they have to demolish many of the structures and build them from the ground up, she explained. However, areas like the lobby will not be demolished and will be brought back to its state prior to Yutu.

"We are going to bring it back to where it was originally. It was newly renovated in 2011 and it was still pretty new and it was gorgeous, especially the lobby area, so we're planning to bring it back to that," said Cavanagh, who is the general manager of Pacific Islands Club Saipan, a sister-hotel of

After the renovations, Cavanagh said that Coral Ocean Point will still be seeing the 200 additional rooms that were in the inventory before Yutu hit.

work on putting everything back in order first," she said.

COP was one of the resorts

Coral Ocean Point.

'We have to look at doing the other 200 rooms. We were at the point where it was already in the planning stages but, after the storm, we had to

on island that bore the brunt of Super Typhoon Yutu. It was forced to close down immediately following Yutu.

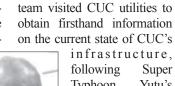
'OIA may provide funds to CUC due to Yutu's devastation'

The U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs may likely provide future funding to improve the Com-

monwealth Utilities Corp.'s infrastructure, particularly its power generation, according to CUC executive director

Gary P. Camacho. He told the CUC board that he recently met with OIA di-

rector Nikolao I. Pula and his team and they talked existing CUC projects.



Camacho

obtain firsthand information on the current state of CUC's infrastructure,

Camacho said Pula and his

Super Typhoon devastation.

He said Pula expressed the possibility that OIA may provide future funding to help improve CUC's facilities.

Camacho said discussions were focused on CUC's power generation and power distribution capabilities.

Also present at the meeting were OIA liaison to the CNMI Francisco Taitano, OIA Saipan field representative Harry C. Blanco, and OIA grants management specialist for the CNMI Krystina B. Alfano.

Pula met with Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres and CNMI officials last month to award \$2.4 million in Technical Assistance Program and Maintenance Assistance Program funding for the CNMI. (Ferdie de la Torre)

New NMD group holds signatory meeting

A new group for those of 501(c)(3) organization. Northern Marianas descent, called the Northern Marianas Descent Council Inc., met last Saturday to approve the creation of the council, its new bylaws, and corporate charter for filing with the Registrar of Corporations.

In the meeting at the Leadership Kiosku in Chalan Kanoa across the U.S. Post Office, the council said it aims "to fulfill the promise of the Covenant and the CNMI Constitution" regarding public lands and the benefits derived from the lands

The council will become a non-profit organization, meaning they will file to be a

According to interim chair Juan Castro, everyone who is of Northern Marianas descent is welcome to join the group and participate "in their efforts to protect the interests and benefits" of NMDs. The council currently consists of 30 members.

Another meeting to elect the group's officers will be held once the bylaws and its constitution are filed with the Registrar of Corporations.

Issues such as preventing discrimination against non-NMDs were also discussed at the meeting, and the council assured that they will be able to find a way to solve the issue.

According to former council treasurer Ana Teregeyo, not all signatories were present at the meeting, but they will be asked to sign the council's constitution and bylaws at a

"The council aims to work on particular issues for the NMDs, as the other NMD group focuses on broader issues," Teregeyo said. That organization is the Northern Marianas Descent Corp.

Aside from Teregeyo, the council's previous officers were interim chair Juan Castro, vice chair Glenn Manglona, and secretary Celina Babauta. (Marc A. Venus)



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MVA joins 2019 Hana travel show in South Korea

The Marianas Visitors Authority joined the 2019 Hana International Travel Show on June 7-9, 2019, in Gyeonggi province, Korea.

Organized by Hana Tour, the major wholesaler in Korea, HITS gathered tourism authorities, airlines, hotels, attractions and other industry partners to introduce their products and services to business partners and interested travelers from the public.

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· With at least 6 months' work experience in sales

This job opportunity is a temporary full-time position.

With customer service-oriented person

JOB DUTIES:

REQUIREMENTS:

Salary: 19.45/hr

JOB DUTIES:

REQUIREMENTS:

Salary: 8.36/hr

· Must be high school graduate

· With good moral character

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Plan, direct or coordinate marketing policies and programs such as determin-

ing the demand of services offered by a firm and its competitors and identify

potential customers, develop pricing strategies and the goal to maximizing

firms profits or share of the market, while ensuring customers are satisfied.

Sells merchandise, greet customers and ascertain what each customer wants or needs, recommend, select and help locate to obtain merchandise based on

customers need and desires, compute sales prices, total purchases and receive and process cash or credit payment, prepare merchandise for

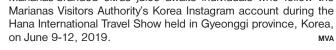
purchase and questions regarding the store and its merchandise.

Marianas Visitors Authority deputy managing director Judy Torres, third from right, leads the MVA's delegation in promoting Rota, Tinian, and Saipan at the Hana International Travel Show held in Gyeonggi province, Korea, on June 9-12, 2019. The event was attended by more than 50,000 participants. MVA

About 500 attendees booked Marianas package tours during the three-day event.

"The MVA provided an interactive booth for HITS attendees featuring beautiful images of the Marianas and some interesting activities,"





E&FCORPORATION

Has an opening for **RESERVATIONS SALES AGENT (1)**

Job Duties:

- 1.) Make arrangements for Hotel/Restaurant/Optional Tour Reservations of tourist customers.
- Make daily schedules for Korean customer's trip itinerary.
- Make Inquiry on hotel availability.
- Coordinate with tourist customers/hotels/restaurants/optional tour companies in making any requests from tourist customers.
- Coordinate with Tour Companies in Korea in regards with upcoming/arriving tourist customers.
- Make reports on daily tour activities.
- 7.) Make Hotel/Restaurant/optional tour payments.

Requirements:

- · At least High school Graduate.
- Must be knowledgeable in computer programs (Excel, Word and Online Reservation System)
- Must know how to operate simple office machines such as fax/telephone
- Good verbal and written communication skill required.
- · Must be able to read, write and speak Korean Language
- for better communications with the main office and with the customers.
- · At least 1 year related experience in travel/tourism industry.
- · Police clearance required.
- · Valid Driver's License Required.
- · Previous Job Certificate required.

Salary: \$8.54 per hour

This is a temporary full time position

Interested applicants Send resume to enfcorp17@gmail.com or call 1-670-234-1667 (Monday- Friday 9am to 6pm, except holidays)

said MVA deputy managing director Judy C. Torres. "Although this year's show was a day shorter and has less attendance than last year, bookings to the Marianas were nearly the same, percentage-wise, so we are satisfied with the outcome. We are especially grateful for the added presences of several our Marianas tourism partners who joined us to promote their products and services. Their participation provided a larger impact at the event in promoting the Marianas."

Participating tourism partners had their own booths at the show and included Hyatt Regency Saipan, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Saipan World Resort, Grandvrio Resort Saipan, Kanoa Resort, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, and Kensington Hotel Saipan.

The MVA provided tour information and discussed promotional opportunities with Hana Tour branch agents on the B2B day on June 7. The MVA's booth featured an Information Zone and an Event Zone. The Information Zone

pertinent information to visitors.

• Must be high school graduate

· With good moral character

(2) TRAVEL AGENTS

· With customer service-oriented person

• Able to read an speak in Korean language

assist in resolving clients travel problems

· With one-year work experience as travel agent

• Must be high school graduate

· With computer skills required

• With at least 6 months work experience as tour guide

These job opportunities are temporary full-time position

REQUIREMENTS:

Salary: 9.23/hr

JOB DUTIES:

REQUIREMENTS:

included an image of Banzai Cliff and Saipan's blue ocean, along with screening of various promotional videos and TV shows filmed in the Marianas. An online quiz event was simultaneously conducted during the video screenings. In the Event Zone, a themed café served coconut coffee or lime juice to visitors who followed the MVA's official Korea Instagram account. Also, the specially developed online quiz "Let's Go Marianas" was accessible via QR code to all visitors to the booth. All guiz participants received hand fans, and 15 winners were selected to additional prizes. 2018 Miss Marianas Celine Cabrera also joined the event to promote the destination.

The MVA's activities gathered a large amount of attention from consumers who visited the exhibition. Throughout the travel show, 594 visitors participated in the 'Let's Go Marianas' quiz event, and the MVA gained 800 additional followers to its Korea Instagram account. (MVA)

Has an opening for

- 1.) Handle pre-arrange package tours & activities surrounding in-bound tours,
- 2.) Prepares reports on tour activities, correspond with tour activities
- 3.) Correspond with tour operators in Korea.
- 4.) Prepare exit & arrival schedules.
- to Korean tourists, who are based in Korea.
- 6.) Confirms reservations, arranges sales of optional tours or services.
- 7.) Assist in selling of optional tours, assist customers on daily basis in explaining all the optional tours and rental items available and perform other duties as assigned or as required.
- 8.) Explain the different optional tours available on the island.
- Two years related experience in Tour/ Travel Industry.
- with the tourist customers.
- Computer skill required (Microsoft-Office-Excel/Word)
- Traffic and police clearance required- Applied Equally to US and CW-1 Workers.
- Must be willing to work with flexible schedule.

Salary: \$ 10.36 per hour

This is a temporary full time position

Interested applicants Send resume to enfcorp17@gmail.com or call 1-670-234-1667 (Monday to Friday 9am-6pm, except holiday).

E & F CORPORATION

TOUR GUIDE (3)

- have the ability to carry out activities numerated in the package tour.

- 5.) Formulate, organize and execute an attractive and competitive tour package to be sold

- 9.) Explain and inform tourist customers about the different historic tourist spots on the island to give each customer knowledge about the islands history and its significance

Requirements:

- Must be able to speak, read and write the Korean language for better communication
- · At least High school Graduate.
- Must possess a Tour Guide Certificate from MVA/NMC.
- Must possess a valid CNMI Driver's License.
- Previous work experience required- Applied Equally to US and CW-1 Workers.

• And can communicate with our main office in Korea Salary: 14.84/hr to 18.00/hr These job opportunities are temporary full-time position

Able to read and understand English and Korean language

Interested Applicants can email their resume to jejuloungesaipan@naver.com Or fax to 233-3004 or can call office number 233-3004 for more information from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

IAM CORPORATION DBA JEJU AIR SAIPAN LOUNGE

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Describe tour points of interest to group members, and respond to questions, escort

individuals, or groups to cruises, sightseeing tours or thru places of interest such as

individual establishments, public buildings, and art galleries, conduct education

activities for school for school children, monitor visitors activities, to ensure compliance

with establishment or tour regulations and safety practices, provide directions and other

Plan and sell transportation and accommodations for travel agency customers,

determine destination modes of transportation, travel dates, costs and accommodations required, may also described plan and arrange itineraries and sell tour packages, may

(1) TOUR GUIDE **JOB DUTIES:**

Describe tour points of interest to group members, and respond to questions, escort individuals, or groups to cruises, sightseeing tours or thru places of interest such as individual establishments, public buildings, and art galleries, conduct education activities for school for school children, monitor visitors activities, to ensure compliance with establishment or tour regulations and safety practices, provide directions and other pertinent information to visitors.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be high school graduate · With at least 6 months' work experience as tour guide
- With customer service-oriented person
- · With good moral character
- · Able to read an speak in Korean language
- Salary: 9.23/hr

This job opportunity is a temporary full-time position. (1) TOUR MANAGER

JOB DUTIES: Directs and supervises other tour guides to escorts individuals and groups on sightseeing tours or places of interest and provide pertinent information to

REQUIREMENTS:

visitors.

- · Must be college graduate
- With at least 2 years work experience in tour service
- · With knowledge in making policy and implementing rules

Salary: 9.23/hr to 11.00/hr

This job opportunity is a temporary full-time position.

sbscorporation2121@gmail.com or can call office number 235-2121 for more information from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Interested Applicants can email their resume to







Guam senators, military leaders visit endangered species

Guam—Guam's elected and military leaders continued their collaboration last week with a joint visit to the site of the Serianthes nelsonii at Northwest Field where natural resources preservation work is ongoing.

Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield, commander of Joint Region Marianas, at the request of Sen. Tina Muna Barnes, speaker of the 35th Guam Legislature, led a group of lawmakers on an informative tour that culminated in a visit to the endangered Serianthes nelsonii tree.

"We share the concerns and interest of our island community in respectful and lawful management of our limited cultural and natural resources on the island," said Chatfield. "Our actions continue to demonstrate that we have followed federal law throughout the course of our efforts, complied with all provisions that were developed to ensure preservation of Guam's rich cultural and natural resources, and maintained open and transparent dialogue with the community.'

As part of the tour it was clarified that the scheduled start of construction for the multi-purpose machine gun range is in the spring of 2020.

The admiral explained the location of the tree optimizes protection from proposed activity at Northwest Field. "I believe our mutual objective has been met by the change in the project design to permanently relocate the range sufficiently away from the tree, its saplings and is in compliance with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife approved forest buffer zone," said Chatfield.



Senators from the 35th Guam Legislature view the endangered Serianthes nelsonii tree while receiving a brief from Dr. Jim McConnell, University of Guam, Guam Plant Extinction Prevention Program, during a site visit at Northwest Field in Dededo last July 12.

Al Borja, environmental director for Marine Corps Activity Guam and the future Marine Corps Base, was happy to host the senators so they could see first-hand the conservation efforts being taken.

'We are pleased by the interest of our elected officials in the military's efforts to balance construction of the new Marine Corps Base with forest preservation and enhancement," Borja said.

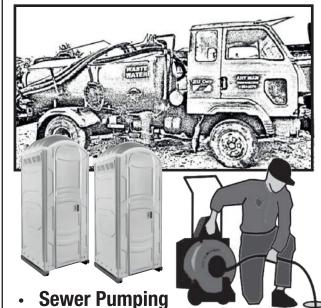
"This is a tremendous win for the entire island of Guam that we are investing in propagating growth of endangered plant species in this area of the island, which includes but is not limited to, the Serianthes nelsonii tree and its species."

Continuing themes of col-

laboration, communication and transparency were on display last Friday.

"The Navy and Marine Corps are engaged in open and transparent dialogue with local leaders throughout this process, and are committed to close collaboration with the government of Guam and regulatory partners in environmental and construction activities for the new Marine Corps Base," Chatfield said. (PR)





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Cmdr. Brian Foster, executive officer, Officer in Charge of Construction Marine Corps Marianas, provides a safety brief to senators from the 35th Guam Legislature before a site visit at Northwest Field in Dededo last July 12. U.S. NAVY/REYNALDO RABARA







How to Respond to RFQs and RFPs

Tuesday, July 16 @ 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM 1st Floor, CDA Board Room, San Jose



Presented by: Boris Hertslet, Program Manager

In the last 12 months, over \$150M in Federal contracts have been awarded in the CNMI. How does the Federal government solicit vendors for these contracts? The most common types of solicitations are Request for Quotes (RFQ) and Request for Proposals (RFP). The Guam PTAC will walk participants through the common sections of RFQs and RFPs. We will also provide tips on crafting your response to an RFQ or an RFP.

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DUNS/SAM & Where to Find Opportunities

Tuesday, July 16 @ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 1st Floor, CDA Board Room, San Jose



Presented by: Boris Hertslet, Program Manager

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35th Saipan Int'l Fishing Tournament on July 20-21

The Saipan Fishermen's Association will hold the 35th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament on July 20-21, 2019.

Organizers are anticipating about 20 boats from outside The Marianas to join the event, including at least 15

Prizes will be awarded for first- to third-place in each of five game fish categories are: billfish,

students to learn not only

about fishing, but how impor-

tant their role is in preserving

the environment, the ocean,

and its species within that also

Another goal is for SFA

Last Saturday, SFA vice

members to become mentors

nourish the community.

to these students.

boats and crews from Guam.

yellowfin, wahoo, mahi mahi, and skipjack. Prizes will also be awarded for total weight and a grand prize. SFA will award spe-

youth sees the value of fish-

ing and the importance of the

environment. "Our resources

are valuable and with this, we

hope we have achieved our

The Tasi to Table open-

ing was attended by over 50

individuals consisting of stu-

dents, parents, friends, spon-

goals thus far."

942 lbs. or a mahi mahi weighing over 102 lbs. The tournament registration cost is \$150 per boat, inclu-

cial prizes to the first participant

weigh in a marlin over the record

sive of a captain and one crew member. Each additional angler is \$35.

Pre-registration will be held at Smiling Cove Marina on July 19 from 4:30pm to 6pm, where SFA will provide a tournament briefing. The tournament will begin at 6am and end at 6pm each day.

The SFA will host an awards ceremony on July 22 at 6pm at The Magellan, Pacific Islands Club Saipan. Non-tournament participants may attend for \$35 per adult and \$17.50 per ages 4-11.

The SFA will produce a souvenir tournament program booklet, to be provided to all participating captains and crew members. Tournament entry forms, rules, and schedule of events are now available under the Events Calendar at www.mymarianas.com, at the Marianas Visitors Authority office on Beach Road in San Jose, and at Fishing Tackle on Beach Road, Susupe, Saipan.

For more information about the event, contact MVA community projects specialist Ray Villagomez at 1 (670) 664-3200 or email rvillagomez@ mymarianas.com. (MVA)

SFA spreads environmental and mental health awareness message in outreach

DREAM PACIFIC CORPORATION

Has an opening for

RESERVATIONS SALES AGENT (1)

Make arrangements for Hotel/Restaurant/Optional Tour Reservations

Make daily schedules for Korean customer's trip itinerary.

regards to upcoming/arriving Tourist customers.

Make Hotel/Restaurant/optional tour payments.

Must be knowledgeable in computer programs (Excel, Word and Online Reservation System)

Good verbal and written communications required.

Must be able to read, write and speak Korean Language

Police clearance required- equally applied to both US workers

for better communications with the main office and with the customers.

At least 12 months related experience in travel/tourism industry.

· Previous Job Certificate required- equally applied to both US workers

Interested applicants Send resume to dreampacificcorp2016@gmail.com

or call 1-670-234-1667 (Monday to Saturday 9am-6pm).

Must know how to operate simple office machines such as

Coordinate with tourist customers/hotels/restaurants/optional

tour companies in making any requests from tourist customers.

Coordinate and communicate with Tour Companies in Korea in

The Saipan Fisherman's Association is hosting its first yearlong outreach to teach young adults the importance of their role in preserving the environment while also combating mental health issues through fishing.

According to Wayne Pangelinan, member of the SFA community outreach program, the Saipan Fishermen's Association community outreach program, called Tasi

of tourist customers.

Make Inquiry on hotel availability.

Make reports on daily tour activities.

· At least High school Graduate or higher.

fax/telephone and computer

Valid Driver's License Required.

This is a temporary full time position

and CW-1 Workers.

and CW-1 Workers

Salary: \$8,54 per hour

Job Duties:

Requirements:

to Table, has partnered with the Public School System's Da'ok Academy to form the Tasi to Table Fishing Club to teach students about the various styles of fishing.

The program, which started last Saturday, also touched base on the importance of taking care of mental health, mental health issues, and mental health awareness.

One of the goals is to teach

president Anthony Scragg sors, educators, members of stated that the program will the SFA, and more. (Kimberhopefully change the way the ly A. Bautista)

Has an opening for

- Handle pre-arrange package tours & activities surrounding in-bound tours,
- Prepares reports on tour activities.
- Prepare exit & arrival schedules.
- Formulate, organize & execute an attractive & competitive tour package
- Confirms reservations, arranges sales of optional tours or services.
- Assist in selling of optional tours, assist customers on daily basis in explaining all the optional tours and rental items available and perform other duties as assigned or as required.
- Explain the different optional tours available on the island.
- Explain and inform tourist customers about the different historic the islands history and its significance to the people of Saipan.

- Two years related experience in tour/travel industry.
- Must be able to speak, read and write Korean Language.

- Must possess a Tour Guide Certificate from MVA/NMC
- Must possess a valid CNMI Driver's License.
- to US workers and CW-1 Workers).

Salary:: \$ 9.23 per hour

This is a temporary full time position

Interested applicants Send resume to dreampacificcorp2016@gmail.com or call 1-670-234-1667(Monday to Saturday 9am-6pm).

DREAM PACIFIC CORPORATION

TOUR GUIDE (5)

Job Duties:

- have the ability to carry out activities numerated in the package tour.
- Correspond with tour operators in Korea.
- to be sold Korean tourists who are based in Korea.

- tourist spots on the island to give each customers knowledge about

Requirements:

- Computer skill required, excel and word.
- 4. At least High school graduate
- Traffic and Police clearance required (Will be applied equally to US workers and CW-1 workers).

- Must be willing to work flexible schedule.
- Previous work experience certificate required (Will be applied equally

DREAM PACIFIC CORPORATION

Has an opening for **TOUR MANAGER (1)**

Job Duties:

- 1.) Plan transportation and accommodations for travel agency customers.
- Determine destination modes of transportation, travel dates, cost and accommodations required.
- May also describe plan and arrange itineraries and sell tour packages.
- May assist in resolving clients travel problem.
- Oversees Tour guides and fix their schedule.
- Plan tour itineraries, applying knowledge of travel routes and destination sites.
- Resolve any problems with itineraries, service or accommodations. 7.)
- Sell travel packages.
- Arrange for tour or expedition details such as accommodations, transportation, equipment and the availability of medical personnel.
- 10.) Evaluate services received on tour, report findings to the organizers.

- Must be at least High school Graduate with 2 years related experience.
- Must be knowledgeable in computer programs (Excel, Word and Online Reservation System)
- Must be able to read, write and speak Korean Language for better communications with the main office and with the customers.
- At least 2 years related experience in travel/tourism industry.
- Police clearance required- equally applied to both US workers
- and CW-1 Workers. Must possess a Valid Driver's License.
- Previous work experience Certificate required- equally applied to both US workers and CW-1 Workers.

Salary: \$ 14.82 per hour

This is a temporary full time position

Interested applicants Send resume to dreampacificcorp2016@gmail.com or call 1-670-234-1667 (Monday to Saturday 9am-6pm).

B&J CORPORATION Dba Dive Y2K/ Olive Style

Has an opening for

SCUBA DIVING INSTRUCTOR (1)

DUTIES

To do scuba diving tours, training underwater scuba diving, teach driving to individuals or groups,

Explains and demonstrates use of apparatus and equipment. Operates and maintain high pressure compressor for fill-up of

Explains safety guidelines and procedures to customers. Clean and check Scuba Diving gears and apparatus equipment for any defect or break. Does other related jobs.

REQUIREMENTS

- Two years related experience.
- At least High School Graduate
- Must possess a valid Scuba Diving Instructor license from NAUI or PADI
- Must be willing to work with flexible schedule
- Must be able to speak, read and write the Korean language for better communications with Korean tourist customer.

SALARY: \$11.70/HOUR

Interested applicants Send resume to BnJcorp2019@gmail.com or call 1-670-233-6322 (Monday to Friday, 8am-5pm except holidays)

This is a temporary full time position.

B&J CORPORATION Dba Dive Y2K/ Olive Style

Has an opening for

RESERVATIONS SALES AGENT (1)

DUTIES

- Make arrangement and accept reservations from Hotel/Tour Agency and Walk in Customers.
- Make daily schedule for Dive arrangements and schedules.
- Explain Diving Tour packages to tourist customers.
- Make Daily Sales report and record receipt of payments from customers.

REQUIREMENTS

- At least High School Graduate
- Must be knowledgeable in computer programs (Excel, Word and Online Reservations System)
- At least 3 year related experience in travel/tourism industry.
- Knowledge in Scuba Diving activities is a plus.
- · Police Clearance required.
- Prior work experience certificate required.
- Police clearance and previous employment certificate will be equally applied to both U.S. Workers and CW-1 Workers.

SALARY: \$8.54/HOUR

Interested applicants Send resume to BnJcorp2019@gmail.com or call 1-670-233-6322 (Monday to Friday, 8am-5pm except holidays)

This is a temporary full time position.

B&J CORPORATION Dba Dive Y2K/ Olive Style

Has an opening for

SALES MANAGER (1)

DUTIES

Direct overall operation of business related matters such as managing staff, pricing, distribution of products or service to the

Analyze sales statistics gathered to determine sales and service. Review Operation records and reports to project sales and determine profitability.

Determine price schedules and discount rates.

QUALIFICATIONS

- High School Graduate with 4 years related experience.
- At least 4 years related experience Excellent written and oral communications skills in
- Korean/English preferred. Good customer relation skills
- Knowledge in clothing trends is required.
 - Strong sales background required. Police clearance required.
 - Previous employment certificate required.
 - Requirements will be equally applied to both US workers and CW-1 Workers.

SALARY: \$13.92/HOUR

Interested applicants Send resume to BnJcorp2019@gmail.com or call 1-670-233-6322 (Monday to Friday, 8am-5pm except holidays)

This is a temporary full time position.

Rainfall expected this week

expected this week and this outlook could be replaced by a flood watch for today through Thursday.

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, an upper-level low

to the east and a monsoon as early as last night. trough to the south continue to approach the Marianas. The two systems are likely to combine to create substantial rainfall for the Marianas.

These two systems are on track to get the wet season started with a bang, dropping 3 to 6 inches of rainfall between Monday and Thursday. Showers could start to pick up

Due to the drought earlier this year, NWS said localized flooding will be possible in low-lying and poor drainage areas. Check storm drains in your area to make sure they are not clogged. If planning anything outdoors this week, have a backup plan in place. (Saipan Tribune)

Navy trainings set

ASAN, Guam—The Navy will conduct training from 11am to 11:55pm today, July 15, and on July16 and 18, at the Dandan-Malojloj training site in Inarajan.

The Navy will also conduct an exercise from July 16 at 11am to July 17 at 1am, at Radio Barrigada.

These types of trainings

are designed to enhance the readiness of military personnel. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity associated with the training. The public should be advised that routine helicopter training often accompanied with the use of blanks can occur during these trainings.

The Navy will conduct an open-ocean exercise on July

within a 10-nautical-mile radius of the following coordinates: 13.48°N/144.41°E.

The Navy will also conduct training on July 18, from 1-8pm at Warning Area 517.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N.

It is recommended the public, fishermen, and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to 16, from 10am to 4:45pm mariners for advisories. (PR)

Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc. (Mobil) is a subsidiary of Exxon Mobil Corporation – the world's largest publicly traded international oil and gas company, which holds an industry-leading inventory of resources and is one of the world's largest integrated refiners, marketers of petroleum products and chemical manufacturers. This is your opportunity to join this dynamic company and become part of our Sales team that enjoys serving our customers in the communities we operate:

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Job Description:

The successful candidate must be able to provide excellent service to our customers and will be responsible to manage his/her own territory, generating leads and meeting sales goals, while selling our products and promoting our Mobil Fleet Card Program and Smiles Loyalty Card Program to our customers.

Primary Job Functions:

- Services existing accounts and establishes new accounts by planning and organizing daily work schedule to call on existing and potential clients
- Able to analyze the territory/market potential, track sales and government regulatory changes
- Promote and sell our Mobil Feet Card and Synergy Fuels to existing and prospective clients
- Negotiate sales contracts and give sales presentations
- Execute our Smiles Loyalty Card program at the service stations and increase loyalty sales
- Execute our Safety, Operations Integrity Management Systems at the service stations
- Prepare Weekly work plans and Annual and Monthly Territory reviews with management

Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in business, marketing or possess a 4 year college degree.
- Must have excellent communication skills, must be self-motivated, assertive and hard working.
- Should have a positive work attitude, adaptable and can work well in timesensitive environment.
- Ability to create and deliver presentations tailored to the customer's needs.
- Highly proficient in the use of Microsoft Power Point, Excel and Word.
- Occasional off-island business travel will be required as part of the position.

Preferred Qualifications

Previous experience in sales is preferred.

This position will be based at the Mobil Terminal in Saipan. Remuneration will be commensurate with the successful applicant's relevant skills and experience.

If you are interested in and/or meet the qualifications for these positions, please submit your resume on or before July 26, 2019 to the following:

Attention to:

Anthony Wenceslao, Commercial Fuels Area Manager Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc PO Box 500367 Saipan, MP 96950

Email: anthony.wenceslao@exxonmobil.com

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-19-012, Rev. 1

ISLAND WIDE WATER METER INSTALLATION, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Island Wide Water Meter Installation, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

This Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity work consists of the installation of new service saddles, corporation stops, and PVC service lines from the CUC main to the meter, proper sizing of existing service lines, installation of a water meter on non-metered customers, relocation of existing CUC water meters from private property to public easement, various exploration work, abandonment of unnecessary service lines, removal of existing manifold systems, and as required, installation of new service lines from the meter to the house plumbing.

The Bid Package may be picked-up, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) on an electronic disk file; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on August 1, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building

One (1) original and Seven (7) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-19-012, Rev.1, Island Wide Water Meter Installation, Saipan" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 9:00 AM (ChST) on August 16, 2019, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the **CUC Procurement Regulations.**

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 2, 2019 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email — manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, Water/Wastewater Engineer - via email nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Purchasing Technician, Senior - via email

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO

MANNY B. SABLAN Purchasing Administrator



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation





REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-19-013, Rev.1

AGINGAN PRIMARY SCREEN PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified vendors for the attainment of a Primary Screen for the Agingan Wastewater Treatment Plant at CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-work will be emailed to all registered prospective proposers email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and four (4) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-19-013, Rev.1 Agingan Primary Screen Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **July 19, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the **CUC Procurement Regulations**

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Proponents shall comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 2, 2019 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator at email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Westen Knudsen, P.E., Senior Engineer for Water/Wastewater at email address westen.knudsen@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrative Technician, Senior at email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

> GARY P. CAMACHO Executive Director

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EDITORIAL

Cruel and unnecessary ICE raids are back on. What a shame

he dreaded ICE raids Part II are on again.
As early as Sunday, undocumented members of our community—including entire families with deportation orders—are in danger of being rounded up at dawn by agents from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The Editorial Board has said it before: We have no problem with violent undocumented criminals being hauled off, but we draw the line at law-abiding families having their yearslong existence in America end so abruptly—even though they are here illegally.

These raids were scheduled for last month. President Trump postponed the secret action at the last minute, mainly because the Miami Herald broke the story that Miami was one of 10 cities where ICE agents would be knocking on doors with deportation orders.

The Herald, too, has published a story about what you should do if ICE agents show up on your door.

Only about 2,000 people across the country are in peril of removal, but we know that the fear has spread to millions more in similar predicaments in immigrant communities. The other cities said to be targeted are New York, Atlanta, Chicago, Baltimore, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, New Orleans and San Francisco. However, given the mercurial nature of President Trump's decision-making, any city, at any time, could be in ICE's sights to maintain the surprise factor—or the raids could be called off yet again.

There are 1 million people on the United States living with removal orders. Some will say they deserve to go; we say such harsh removals are unAmerican. As outcry grew the last time the raids were announced, Trump postponed them saying he was giving Democrats time to "do something" about immigration reform.

Of course, he knew no one would touch that political hot potato. In fact, Congress hasn't tried to tackle immigration in a mature and comprehensive manner for a long time. It's a dereliction of duty on both sides of the aisle, which is why raids are the ridiculous default policy. And the president has done incalculable damage with his hostile rhetoric and callous treatment of those making their way toward the Southern border from Central America seeking asylum.

So the clock appears to be ticking again for those in our community who are undocumented and have received deportation orders. Remember: The people in danger of being removed, along with others in their households, are people we all know: cooks and landscapers, students, even veterans of the U.S. military, who served on our behalf. Their lives will be upended as the sun rises.

As the raids begin and friends and neighbors disappear, email the Editorial Board at heralded@miamiherald.com with the word "taken" in the subject line if you know of anyone who taken into custody. Tell us their story, for it's an American story, too.

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Sowing the seeds of prosperity for a sustainable Micronesia

Editor's Note: This is the text of the closing remarks Gov. Ralph DLG Torres delivered at the 24th Micronesian Chief Executives' Summit last Thursday, July 11, 2019, in Nataku, Chuukm in the Federated States of Micronesia.

y fellow chief executives, as we prepare to conclude a very successful and fruitful Forum, I am pleased that we have spent the past two days tackling issues of mutual concern by our respective island governments. This has been another great step forward for all of us as Micronesian leaders.

A great deal of information has been shared with us here. And while we all have an idea of where we stand as a region, we must continue to forge ahead for the common good of our islands.

We know our immediate challenges and we recognize our obstacles. For most of us, we know the pressure of economic hardship very well. Like the vast Pacific Ocean, our challenges unite us and our collective work provides us the tools we need to sow the seeds of prosperity for a sustainable Micronesia.

We have done much, but we can do more. As an advocate for sustainable communities, I would also like to see our islands reduce and eventually eliminate our dependence on imported produce. We all have an abundance of land and marine resources. The key to sustainability is to grow local, eat local, and live local!

In the Marianas, I have initiated several programs aimed at bringing back the most basic lessons in life.

Just a couple of months ago, we started a new program to teach our youth about fishing methods and how to operate boats safely. As an avid fisherman myself, it is my goal to promote subsistence fishing for families across the Commonwealth.

A year ago, I initiated our very first canoe building and voyaging program under the Executive Branch. Our canoe house was completed just weeks prior to the onslaught of Super Typhoon Yutu. We are prioritizing repairs to the Canoe House now so that we can continue moving forward with our goal of promoting the art of traditional navigation.

My administration has also been actively supporting our local farmers by procuring heavy equipment and tools to help them improve their yields for harvest. Our Garapan Public Market is fully operational with fresh produce supplied solely by our local farmers. Governor Leon Guerrero mentioned that she was looking into establishing a central market for farmers to sell their produce. I am pleased to invite you all to visit the Garapan Public Market on your next visit to Saipan.

By RALPH DLG TORRES

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Ralph DLG Torres is the governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.



However, along with our successes, we still have our share of hardships. In the CNMI, in the wake of several large-scale developments, we are experiencing a workforce shortage. I continue to seek the partnership of my fellow chief executives so we can help each other build our workforce capacities.

Along the lines of economic development, I believe we all share common concerns on our very limited access to passenger and cargo service throughout our region. I'm interested to see some of the action items proposed by the Transportation Committee in their presentation yesterday. With strong and viable air and ocean transport services, our region will have a greater gateway to economic growth and development.

Unlike other parts of the world, climate change is a major threat to our remote island communities. As first-hand witnesses to the effects of climate change, we have already seen its current impacts and we have a sense of what is to come if we don't do our part.

We must take this threat seriously by adopting policies and safeguards that will curb the increase in carbon emissions. Take it from me, having had two major typhoons in only three years.

It has been another meaningful Forum. I am very much grateful to my fellow chief executives for taking the time to come together here in Chuuk.

Mr. Chairman, thank you again for being an outstanding host and chairman for this 24th MIF. On behalf of the CNMI delegation here with me, we commend your government and the wonderful people of Chuuk for making our stay here a memorable one.

I would also like to thank the overall committee and the various subcommittees for putting together a very successful event.

To my fellow chief executives and your delegations that have traveled here, I wish you all a safe journey as you return home. I look forward to seeing you all again at our next meeting.

May God bless us all. Kinisou chapur, olomwaay and si yu'os ma'ase'.

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Getting excited about astronomy

f, after reading this column, your son or daughter decides they want a new telescope or a pair of binoculars for their new astronomy hobby interest, you can blame it on me. Getting excited about a new hobby for young kids is something that most parents enjoy seeing, especially if they think their child's new hobby interest will continue to grow into something special over the years. If a child becomes interested in astronomy at a very young age, it's a good bet they will continue to still enjoy it as a hobby into their adult years too. Then what's the catalyst that will get their child interested in astronomy in the first place? You guessed it—a new telescope.

It doesn't really matter too much which kind, type or even the size of telescope they start out with as their first telescope, just so they have a telescope or a pair of small binoculars to observe the heavens with whenever they feel the urge and interest to do so. That's the catalyst that gets them into studying the stars early in their primary school years.

A new telescope will possibly guide them into a future aca-

demic career in the sciences, or some kind of career in engineering maybe. Even better yet, a professional or academic career in astronomy and physics.

So what kind of telescope should a parent get for their child who's a student in their primary school years? It's best to start out with a simple 80mm to 90mm refractor telescope on an Alt-azimuth or equatorial mounting, especially for a starter telescope. An Alt-azimuth mounting is very simple (equatorial mountings require slightly more attention to the polar alignment) to operate, adjust, and to point at specific celestial bodies like the moon, planets, star clusters, double stars and bright nebulae such as the beautiful Orion Nebula (M42) in the constellation Orion and other fantastic celestial delights, such as the famous Andromeda galaxy (M31) as well. An 80mm or 90mm refracting telescope on a sturdy tripod can at 80x (power) reveal in great detail small craters and mountain ranges on the moon as well as clearly view the four moons and equatorial belts on the planet Jupiter and the beautiful rings of Saturn as well. And, on very clear stable at-



A beautiful public domain photo image of the Andromeda galaxy (M31), our nearest big galactic neighbor showing off all its glory for the camera.

By NORMAN BUTLER PH.D.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Norman Butler Ph.D., is a retired astronomer and has been a Saipan resident since 2011. Butler, who holds advanced degrees in Physics and Astronomy, was an opticalman in the U.S. Navy (submarine tenders) throughout the 1960s and worked at



Haleakala's AMOS Observatory on Maui starting in the 1980s. He has also authored four popular books on binoscopes and taught at Shenzhen Polytechnic College and Harbin Institute of Technology Shenzhen Graduate School in Shenzhen, China.

mospheric nights, reveal Saturn's biggest moon Titan too. The best part of your child becoming interested in astronomy is he/she can also learn to take fantastic lunar and planet photo images by simply holding a cell phone camera centered directly over the telescope's eyepiece and refocus the moon and its craters in the cell phone camera and then snap the photo image. The same goes for the planets Jupiter and Saturn too. It can be as simple as that. Taking photo images of the moon and planets will make for a great middle school and high school science fair project too, especially if a student has taken a series of photos of images of various celestial bodies at various magnifications with their telescope and cell phone camera.

It's basically an accepted fact that a new telescope or a pair of binoculars will almost always generate a child's interest in astronomy, space, and the mysteries of our fantastic universe. But where can one to find a good quality telescope for your young budding astronomer here in the Northern Mariana Islands and especially here on Saipan? Finding a good quality telescope and binoculars to buy for your child on Saipan is almost like a treasure hunt, unless you know exactly where to look. You probably won't find a store that sells them, even in Garapan. You can try calling around to all the different stores and shops on Saipan. Even your chances finding a shop or store in Guam (unless you get lucky) will most likely yield negative results too. You can also do an internet search and find splendid refractor telescopes at premium prices plus big shipping charges from the U.S. mainland to the Northern Mariana Islands for most. My advice is to start looking locally first starting in Susupe (sporting goods store), which will certainly shorten your lead time searching for a quality refractor telescope or a pair of good binoculars for your child's newfound interest in astronomy and stargazing. Once you purchase a telescope or a pair of binoculars, the entire family will also find time to enjoy looking through that new telescope or binoculars you just purchased for your son or daughter at the heavens too.

Neither side is telling you the full story about the immigration mess at the border

t's hard to get an accurate and honest picture of what's happening on our nation's southern border and why, especially during what already is proving to be a long and mendacious election season.

If you're hearing and repeating the words of President Donald Trump and his surrogates, you're likely to believe the border is being flooded by criminals and terrorists disguised as terrified, malnourished children, eager to exploit a long-failed immigration system.

If you're listening to and parroting only the stump speeches and softball interview responses from Democratic candidates like Julian Castro, Beto O'Rourke and, frankly, almost any member of the progressive left (which is basically every candidate seeking the White House right now), you're apt to think instead that the criminals are the uniformed border agents (who stand accused of ripping nursing babes from their mothers' arms and forcing women to drink from toilets). Not to mention anyone brazen enough to defend them or suggest that maybe our border shouldn't be a sieve.

Neither of these views is true, and the reality is far more complicated. For instance, Customs and Border Protection facilities were not designed with the current influx of migrants in mind (why would they be?). Federal funding delays are largely responsible for the poor conditions and dearth of supplies in detention facilities. Seemingly legitimate fears of child exploitation

by adults posing as parents makes family separation in specific cases a less sinister approach to detention.

And decades of insufficient law enforcement by both Democrats and Republican administrations has contributed—at least in some measure—to the steady stream of migrants breaking U.S. immigration laws without consequence.

Then there's the matter of why so many migrants are coming here in the first place. Some would argue it's to take advantage of our welfare state or our broken immigration system or to engage in criminal enterprises such as drug and sex trafficking. There's evidence that some of this is true, but not on the scale that many want to believe.

There are others who insist that every migrant—most of whom are told by smugglers to seek out a border agent and claim asylum—is fleeing persecution and therefore entitled to protections and benefits reserved, by law, for a relative few.

It's more likely than not that the people fleeing the so-called Northern Triangle of El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala are legitimately attempting to escape violence and fear. But that violence and fear is not the consequence of persecution due to race, religion, nationality, social group or political opinion, and it does not come at the hands of their governments, but of their fellow countrymen who carry out their criminal activities with impunity.

Sympathy and prayer for these victims as well as humane

BY CYNTHIA M. ALLEN

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treatment of migrants in U.S. custody is required; disregard of our laws and sovereign borders is not.

Yet everybody with a podium seems hellbent on finger-pointing yet unwilling to engage in the kind of self-reflection that real leadership demands.

Everybody with a podium in the U.S., anyway.

El Salvador's new president, Nayib Bukele, offered an honest reflection on the border crisis—perhaps because his election is already won. Responding to the tragic drowning deaths of Oscar Alberto Ramirez and his daughter Valeria, who died while attempting to ford the Rio Grande, Bukele admitted what few in his position are willing to concede: "It is our fault.

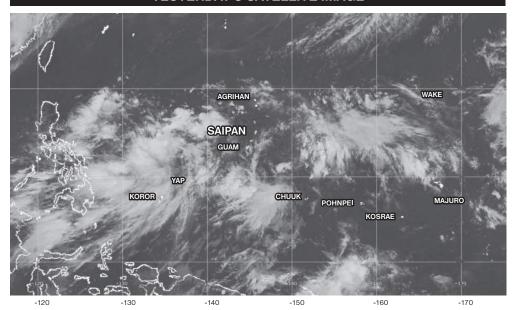
"People don't flee their homes because they want to," Bukele told reporters in San Salvador. "People flee their homes because they feel they have to. ... If people have an opportunity of a decent job, a decent education, a decent health-care system and security, I know forced migration will be reduced to zero."

That kind of probity about the border crisis could go far in helping policymakers to develop solutions. But we're unlikely to hear any coming from our politicians unless we are willing to have an honest conversation about it. Can we do that? **12** MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN TODAY **FRIDAY** TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. scattered showers and scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. isolated thunderstorms Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. **79º 87º 79º 79º** 870 **79º 79º** 879 **87º**

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 8:00 AM, SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Andersen Air Force Base Doppler weather radar shows isolated showers moving through the Marianas waters, although earlier this morning it showed scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. The VAD wind profile indicates south winds of 8 to 12 knots just off the surface which increase to between 12 and 20 knots through the lowest 8 thousand feet of the air. The buoys reveal combined seas of 4 to 6 feet composed of an east tradewind swell of 3 to 4 feet and a south swell of 2 to 4 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Palau	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 81°

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Auckland	Rain	57° / 52°
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	93° / 73°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	90° / 82°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	87° / 77°
London	Partly Cloudy	73° / 57°
Los Angeles	Sunny	88° / 70°
Manila	Thunderstorms	90° / 79°
Melbourne	Showers	52° / 43°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	87° / 81°
New York	Partly Cloudy	87° / 72°
Osaka	Thunderstorms	84° / 73°
Paris	Sunny	79° / 55°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	79° / 72°
Rome	Thunderstorms	86° / 66°
Salem	Thunderstorms	89° / 72°
San Francisco	Sunny	66° / 55°
Seoul	Thunderstorms	88° / 70°
Tokyo	Showers	79° / 70°
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	88° / 72°



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SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

1:30am 6:00am MU764 3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

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Atkins Kroll touted Best of the Pacific



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The Atkins Kroll Guam sales team is presented with the "Best Place to Buy a Car" award by the Stars & Stripes newspaper.

TAMUNING, Guam—The Stars & Stripes newspaper awarded Atkins Kroll with its "Best of the Pacific Award," naming Atkins Kroll Guam as the 2019 Winner of the "Best Place to Buy a Car."

Lt. Col. Richard E. Mc-Clintic, U.S. Air Force commander of Stars and Stripes Pacific HQ, based in Tokyo, made the award presentation to the Atkins Kroll sales team in the Atkins Kroll Toyota

The "Best of the Pacific Award" is an online and balloted survey from amongst the thousands of its readers that includes active, retired, and reservist military service personnel and their dependents.

"Atkins Kroll is extremely honored to be deemed the best by the readers of Stars and perb customer experience for Stripes. We thank them for everyone who comes through

their patronage and trust and will continue to provide a su-



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our doors," said Alex Hammett, Atkins Kroll president.

Stars and Stripes, now a multimedia news organization, has been publishing to ers include active-duty service

since World War II and has organized the Best of the Pacific awards for 17 years. Its read-

the U.S. military community members, the Guam Army National Guard, the Guam Air National Guard, DoD civilians, veterans, contractors, and their families. (PR)

Scheduled power interruption tomorrow

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has scheduled a power interruption tomorrow, July 16, from 9am to 1pm, a sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit affecting Chalan Tun Antonio Apa in Fina Sisu. One power

pole will be relocated.

Areas affected include Hagon Pl., Northern Marianas College, Comfort Homes, Joeten Housing, Husk Ln., Aschi Pl., Ubwut Pl., Heggao Pl., Penka Pl., Patma Pl., and Gafo Pl.).

No water well nor wastewater lift station will be affected.

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the working area. (PR)

IGNACIO DLG. DEMAPAN AND FRIEDA R. DEMAPAN

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

IN THE MATTER OF) THE ADOPTION OF: O.E.D.M.) FCD-AD-CIVIL (08/23/2018) ACTION NO. Minor Child 19-0303 Minor Child By: IGNACIO DLG. NOTICE OF DEMAPAN HEARING DEMAPAN and FRIEDA R. DEMAPAN Petitioner(s)

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing October 7, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Courthroom MBP, before the Honorable Judge Kim-Tenorio.

Dated 9th day of July, 2019

Patrick V. Diaz By: Deputy Clerk of Court



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL MVA-RFP-19-2015

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Submission/Closing Date:

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/s/ MARIAN ALDAN-PIERCE Chairperson, Board of Directors /s/ PRISCILLA M. IAKOPO **Managing Director**



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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AGENDA

- Call to Order **Determination of Quorum**
- Approval of Agenda Adoption of Minutes
- Public Comments Credential Privileges
 - New applicants Dr. David Weingarten Dr. Dayne Piercefield
 - Dr. James Toskas

Dr. Dorothy Dolhanty

- Dr. Julio Pena
- Dr. Jason Wister Dr. John Doyle
- 8. Dr. Gregory Kotheimer Reports
- A. Management & Operations
- Financial Statement CMS & ECRI Dashboard Update
- D. QAPI Report ESRD & Hospital
- New Rusiness
- A. Senate Bill 21-26
- Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in Executive
- Session to consult with legal counsel.
- Announcement XI. Adjournment

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Business

Chevron spills 800,000 gallons of oil, water in California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Officials began to clean up a massive oil spill Friday that dumped nearly 800,000 gallons of oil and water into a California canyon, making it larger—if less devastating—than the state's last two major oil spills.

The newly revealed spill has been flowing off and on since May and has again stopped, Chevron spokeswoman Veronica Flores-Paniagua said. She and California officials said the spill is not near any waterway and has not significantly affected wildlife. The last flow was Tuesday.

Chevron reported that 794,000 gallons (about 3 million liters) of oil and water have leaked out of the ground where it uses steam injection to extract oil in the large Cymric Oil Field about 35 miles (56 kilometers) west of Bakersfield. The steam softens the thick crude so it can flow more readily and is a different process from fracking, which breaks up underground layers of rock.

The state has issued Chevron a notice of violation ordering it to stop steam injec-



In this May 10, 2019 photo provided by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response, oil flows at a Chevron oil field in Kern County, Calif.

More to come: FTC fine doesn't spell closure for Facebook

Facebook may be close to putting a Federal Trade Commission investigation behind it. But it faces a variety of other probes in Europe and the U.S., some of which could present it with even bigger headaches.

While the \$5 billion fine from the FTC, which Facebook has been expecting, is by far the largest the agency has levied on a technology company, the real worries for Facebook-and its investors and the companies that use it to advertise on its service-are the other restrictions and government oversight that might come with it. This goes for the other investigations as well, which span the globe from the European Union, Germany, and Belgium to New York, Canada and elsewhere.

"This fine signals that regulators are ratcheting up the pressure," said Dimitri Sirota, the CEO of BigID, a business data privacy company, in an email. He said that the FTC action, together with recent European fines on British Airways and Marriott, shows that regulators around the world are getting bolder in cracking down on data privacy violations. Facebook may think the fine is easily affordable, he said, but it hurts its image and trustworthiness.

Beyond the regulatory in-

vestigations, Cowen analyst John Blackledge noted that Facebook and other big companies also face broader antitrust concerns.

Facebook has enjoyed more than a decade of unfettered growth as Silicon Valley's golden child, trusted to regulate itself and keep its 2.4 billion users' interests at heart.

Then came Russian meddling in the 2016 elections, fake news and the Cambridge Analytica scandal, in which a political data mining firm affiliated with the 2016 presidential campaign of Donald Trump improperly accessed the personal data of as many as 87 million users.

Regulators, mainly in Europe but also in the U.S., perked up. And now Facebook faces the prospect of not only billions more in fines, but additional restrictions on its business.

■ Irish Data Protection Commission

Ireland's data regulator has launched an investigation of Facebook over the Cambridge Analytica data leak last year. At issue is whether the company complied with strict European regulations that went into effect in May 2018 covering data protection. Under the new rules, companies could be hit with fines equal to 4 percent of

annual global turnover for the most serious violations.

The probe could potentially cost Facebook more than \$2.3 billion in fines based on its 2018 revenue, or more if it makes more money this year, which is all but certain. The commission, which handles online data regulation for the European Union, has nearly a dozen open investigations on Facebook that include its subsidiaries WhatsApp and Instagram, which could carry additional . Facebook says it is cooperating with the investigations.

■ U.S. Housing and Urban Development

The U.S. government charged Facebook with high-tech housing discrimination in March for allegedly allowing landlords and real estate brokers to systematically exclude groups such as non-Christians, immigrants and minorities from seeing ads for houses and apartments.

The civil charges filed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development could cost the social network millions of dollars in penalties. More important, they're already affecting the company's business model—its ability to target ads with near-surgical precision. By its nature, this sort of targeting excludes some people and includes others. And that's not always legal.

The charges came despite changes Facebook announced just a week earlier to its ad targeting system. The company had agreed to overhaul its targeting system and abandon some of the practices singled out by HUD to prevent discrimination, not just in housing listings but in credit and employment ads as well. The move was part of a settlement with the American Civil Liberties Union and other activists. But HUD didn't join the settlement. Facebook says it continues to work with civil rights experts on the issues.

■ Canada's privacy czar

In more fallout from Cambridge Analytica, Canada's privacy head announced in April that he is taking Facebook to court after finding that lax privacy practices allowed personal information to be used for political purposes.

A joint report from privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien and his British Columbia counterpart said major short-comings were uncovered in Facebook's procedures. It called for stronger laws to protect Canadians. Facebook says it is taking the investigation seriously. (AP)

tions around the spill. The company also increased its production of oil from wells in the area. Both actions are intended to relieve underground pressure that may be forcing the mix of oil and water to the surface.

Chevron will pay for the cleanup, though the state will oversee the process, said Steve Gonzalez, a spokesman for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response.

The cleanup and the investigation into what caused the oil flow were somewhat delayed as officials ensured there are no dangerous fumes or sinkholes that could trap workers or heavy equipment, he said.

"At this point, they have it dammed off and they're sucking it out, sucking the oil out," Gonzalez said.

Environmental groups said the Chevron spill is another sign of weakened regulations under an embattled California agency. Gov. Gavin Newsom this week fired the head of the state's oil and gas division over a recent increase in hydraulic fracturing permits and amid a conflict-of-interest investigation of other division employees.

Trump says he will not impose uranium quotas

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump says he will not impose quotas on importing uranium, backing away from a possible trade confrontation and breaking with a Commerce Department assessment that America's use of foreign uranium raises national security concerns.

The decision is unusual for Trump, who has pointed to national security concerns in calling for restrictions on foreign metal and autos in trade negotiations. It's also drawing rare criticism from Republicans in energy-rich states.

Uranium is a vital component for the U.S. nuclear arsenal, submarines and power plants, which prompted a monthslong Commerce Department investigation into whether such materials fall under the national security umbrella. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross has said that just 5 percent of the uranium the U.S. needs for military and electricity generation comes from domestic production. Russia, China and other countries supply the rest.

In a statement issued late Friday, Trump said Ross's findings about national security "raise significant concerns." Yet the president opted against quotas as advocated by the domestic uranium industry, which would limit imports to guarantee that U.S. miners supply 25 percent of uranium for domestic use.

Trump instead announced he was going to order a working group to use 90 days to make recommendations to increase domestic uranium production.

Two Colorado-based uranium mining companies—Energy Fuels Inc. and Ur-Energy Inc.—petitioned the Commerce Department in January 2018 to impose the 25 percent requirement under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act. The companies said relying on imports poses a "serious threat to our national defense and energy security."

Much of the uranium mined in the U.S. comes from Wyoming. "The decision by the Trump administration is a missed opportunity to protect America's uranium producers," said Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., who denounced using foreign materials. "America should not rely on Vladimir Putin and his satellites to supply our uranium. It's dangerous and unacceptable."

Environmentalists saw the mining companies' petition as part of an effort to expand mining across the U.S. They also were worried about the area outside the boundary of Grand Canyon National Park, where an Obama-era decision placed roughly 1 million acres off limits to new mining claims for a 20-year period.

"We're obviously relieved there's not a quota, but we're not out of the woods yet," said Amber Reimondo, energy program director for the Flagstaff, Arizona-based environmental group the Grand Canyon Trust. "There's clearly some concern with this working group that the president has ordered. And, depending on what comes out of that, it seems likely that there could be additional shortcuts to environmental safeguards."

Last month, the Trump administration designated nearly three dozen minerals, including uranium, as critical. Interior Secretary David Bernhardt said at the time the department would work "expeditiously" to streamline the permitting process for mining to locate domestic supplies of minerals.

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Nation

Hurricane Barry's rain and floods hammer Gulf environment

Hurricane Barry could affect the environment of the Gulf coast and Lower Mississippi Valley in numerous ways, from accelerating runoff of farmland nutrients to toppling trees and damaging wildlife habitat and fisheries, scientists say.

But the extent of the damage—and whether it will be at least partially offset by benefits such as disruption of the notorious Gulf of Mexico "dead zone"—is hard to predict, they say. That's because the region faces a rare onetwo-three punch: the storm's anticipated tidal surge and torrential downpour, combined with record-high water levels in the Mississippi River.

"We don't know how the system is going to respond to all this because it's so unusual," said Melissa Baustian, a coastal ecologist with the Water Institute of the Gulf in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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One of the wettest-ever springs in the nation's heartland engorged the Mississippi, sending massive volumes of water southward toward the Gulf. Levees and dams were breached and millions of acres of cropland flooded in the Midwest. Barry threatens to hurl a storm surge of up to 3 feet (1 meter) onto coastal regions. And forecasters said the hurricane could stall inland and dump up to 2 feet (61 centimeters) of rain.

Rainfall washes manure and chemical fertilizers from Midwestern corn and soybean fields into streams, smaller rivers and

eventually the Mississippi. The nutrients—especially nitrogen—overfeed aquatic plants that eventually die and decompose, leaving a large section of the Gulf with little or no oxygen each summer. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicted that this year's dead zone will be roughly the size of Massachusetts.

Large storms can shrink the zone by churning the water column and replenishing oxygen levels in deeper areas. That could be a positive, if short-lived, outcome of Barry's rampage, Baustian said.

Yet even if this year's oxygen-depleted area winds up smaller than expected, historical data suggests that Barry like other big storms—will flush additional nutrients into the Mississippi and other Gulf tributaries, leading to bigger dead zones in the long run, said Anna Michalak of the Carnegie Institution for Science in Stanford, California.

"If you get a few sprinkles over time, the water has time to infiltrate and there's not much runoff," said Michalak, who studies effects of climate change on water quality. "But a single extreme event overwhelms the capacity of the soil and the ecosystem to absorb it, and much of it ends up flowing down the rivers and ultimately off to the coast."

Even if Barry's winds remain barely powerful enough for the storm to qualify as a hurricane, they could topple lots of trees, their roots weakened by the saturated ground, said Tim Carruthers, coastal ecology director with the Water Institute. Also vulnerable are Louisiana's famed coastal marshes, already hammered by development and flood control measures that prevent natural coastal shoreline replenishment.



Aimee Cutter, the owner of Beach House restaurant, walks through water surge from Lake Pontchartrain on Lakeshore Drive in Mandeville, La., ahead of Tropical Storm Barry, Saturday, July 13, 2019.

Jeffrey Epstein's New Mexico ranch linked to investigation

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—At the center of Jeffrey Epstein's secluded New Mexico ranch sits a sprawling residence the financier built decades ago—complete with plans for a 4,000-square-foot (372-square-meter) courtyard, a living room roughly the size of the average American home and a nearby private airplane runway.

Known as the Zorro Ranch, the high-desert property is now tied to an investigation that the state attorney general's office says it has opened into Epstein with plans to forward findings to federal authorities in New York.

Epstein, who pleaded not guilty this week to federal sex trafficking charges in New York, has not faced criminal charges in New Mexico. But the scandal surrounding him has still sent a jolt through the rural southwestern state as it comes under scrutiny for laws that allowed him to avoid registering as a sex offender following a guilty plea a decade ago in Florida.

"New Mexico continues to lag behind the rest of the country in strengthening outdated and weak laws that fail to protect our children from abuse," New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas said in an emailed statement to The Associated Press. "This is a huge black eye for our state."

In addition to confirming his office had interviewed possible victims of Epstein who visited his ranch south of Santa Fe, Balderas'

spokesman also said Friday that the attorney general would renew his push for legislation requiring anyone with a sex trafficking conviction to register as a sex offender in New Mexico.

In 2008, Epstein pleaded guilty in Florida to state charges of soliciting a minor for prostitution under an agreement that required him to spend 13 months in jail and register as a sex offender. The agreement has been widely criticized for secretly ending a federal sex abuse investigation involving at least 40 teenage girls at the time that could have landed him behind bars for life.

Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta said Friday he's stepping down amid the tumult over his handling of the 2008 deal with Epstein. Acosta was the U.S. attorney in Miami when he oversaw the nonprosecution agreement.

The indictment filed in New York this week accuses Epstein of paying girls hundreds of dollars in cash for massages and then molesting them at his homes in Palm Beach, Florida, and New York from 2002 through 2005. The charges carry the potential for up to 45 years in prison.

In New Mexico, the attorney general said he has been in touch with the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of New York. Balderas' office has not said, however, how many accusers his office has interviewed and he has not elaborated on what they say took place at the ranch.

Police: 69-year-old man dies after attacking migrant jail TACOMA, Wash. (AP)—A 69-year-old man armed with a

rifle threw incendiary devices at an immigration jail in Washington state early Saturday morning, then was found dead after four police officers arrived and opened fire, authorities said.

The Tacoma Police Department said the officers responded about 4 a.m. to the privately run Tacoma Northwest Detention Center, a U.S. Department of Homeland Security detention facility that holds migrants pending deportation proceedings. The detention center has also held immigration-seeking parents separated from their children under President Donald Trump's "zero tolerance" policy, an effort meant to deter illegal immigration.

The shooting took place about six hours after a peaceful rally in front of the detention center, police spokesman Loretta Cool said.

On Saturday night, the Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office identified the man as Willem Van Spronsen of Vashon Island, the Tacoma News-Tribune and the Seattle Times reported.

Police said Van Spronsen caused a vehicle to catch fire and that he attempted to ignite a large propane tank and set buildings on fire. Police said that besides the rifle, he had a satchel and flares.

Police said officers called out to Van Spronsen, and shots were fired.

Cool said all four officers fired their weapons, but she didn't have specific details of what took place. She said the officers weren't wearing body cameras, but the area is covered by surveillance cameras from the detention center. She said she didn't know if the man fired at the officers.

After the gunfire, officers took cover, contained the area and set up medical aid a short distance away, police said.

Officers then located Van

Spronsen and determined he had been shot and was dead at the scene.

Authorities say investigators are processing the scene and police are continuing to investigate. No law enforcement officers were injured. The four Tacoma police officers who fired their weapons have been placed on paid administrative leave as is standard in officerinvolved shootings.

A friend of Van Spronsen said that she thinks he wanted to provoke a fatal conflict, the Seattle Times reported.

Deb Bartley, who told the Times she has been a friend of Willem Van Spronsen's for about 20 years, described him as an anarchist and anti-fascist, and believes his attack on the detention center intending to provoke a fatal conflict.

"He was ready to end it," Bartley said. "I think this was a suicide. But then he was able to kind of do it in a way that spoke to his political beliefs . I know he went down there knowing he was going to die."

She said that she and other friends of Van Spronsen got letters in the mail "just saying goodbye." He also wrote what she referred to as a manifesto, which she declined to discuss in detail, the Times reported.

Van Spronsen was accused of assaulting a police officer during a protest outside the detention center in 2018, The News-Tribune reported. According to court documents, he lunged at the officer and wrapped his arms around the officer's neck and shoulders, as the officer was trying to detain a 17-year-old protester June 26, 2018, the newspaper reported.

According to court documents, police handcuffed Van Spronsen and found that he had a collapsible baton and a folding knife in his pocket. Van Spronsen pleaded guilty to the charge of obstructing police, and was given a deferred sentence in October, the News-Tribune reported.

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Asia

N. Korea vows to respond to South's deployment of F-35 jets

(AP)-North Korea slammed South Korea over its ongoing deployment of high-tech U.S. fighter jets, warning Thursday that it will respond by developing and testing unspecified special weapons of its own to "destroy" the aircraft.

The statement, which also urged South Korea to abandon its "preposterous illusions" for improved ties, comes as Seoul has expressed hopes that a recent summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un will help revive dialogue between the Koreas.

Under its biggest-ever weapons purchase, South Korea is to buy 40 F-35 fighter jets from Lockheed Martin by 2021. The first two arrived in March and two others are to be delivered in coming weeks, according to Seoul officials.

The project was announced in 2014 to cope with then rising military threats from North Korea, which was conducting an unusually large number of weapons tests. Animosities have gradually eased since last year when Pyongyang and Washington launched nuclear negotiations, but Seoul has been moving ahead with already-approved F-35 procurement.

On Thursday, the North's Foreign Ministry fired off fresh criticism, claiming the second batch of F-35s is coming in South Korea in mid-July, something that Seoul officials won't confirm.

An unidentified policy research director at the ministry's Institutes for American Studies said Seoul's purchase of the U.S. jets was meant to "please the United States, their master, like eating mustard in tears," though Seoul knows



well the project is an "extremely dangerous action" that will increase military tensions.

The director said North Korea has "no other choice but to develop and test the special armaments to completely destroy the lethal weapons reinforced in South Korea."

The South Korean government didn't immediately respond to the North's statement. But arms procurement officials said the F-35 project would proceed as scheduled and that about 10 of the 40 jets were to be delivered by the end of this year.

Despite the warning, it's unclear if North Korean can conduct a major weapons test any time soon because that would likely disrupt a positive atmosphere after the June 30 summit between Trump and Kim at the Korean border village of Panmunjom.

Though it lacked substance, the impromptu meeting was Kim since their second summit in Vietnam in February collapsed without any agreement due to squabbling over U.S.-led sanctions on the North, and the two leaders agreed to resume workinglevel nuclear talks.

The latest statement didn't criticize the U.S. directly. It was seen as more of a continuation of North Korea's sensitivity to the introduction of sophisticated U.S. weapons on the Korean Peninsula, and dissatisfaction with Seoul since the Vietnam summit's

dent Moon Jae-in, who favors a negotiated resolution of the nuclear crisis, shuttled be-

the first between Trump and

breakdown.

South Korean liberal Presi-

Floods, landslides leave scores dead across Nepal, India

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)—Flooding and landslides triggered by heavy rainfall have killed at least 43 people in Nepal in the past few days, with more deaths reported across the Himalayan border in India, officials said Sunday.

At least 24 others are missing in Nepal, either swept by swollen rivers or buried by mudslides since delayed monsoon rains began pounding the region Friday, police said. Roads and highways have been blocked in parts of Nepal and communication towers knocked down.

Twenty people have been treated for injuries and more than 1,100 others rescued from flooded areas.

Nepal's Department of Hydrology and Meteorology warned of more troubles ahead in a flood warning for the southern region near the main rivers, urging people to keep watch on rising water levels and move to higher grounds when needed.

Rain-triggered floods and mudslides have left a trail of destruction in other parts of South Asia. Officials in northeastern India have reported at least a dozen people dead and over a million affected.

The dead included two schoolchildren who were buried when their boarding school collapsed while they were asleep in Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh state.

Assam's State Disaster Response Authority said around 900,000 people spread over 21 of the state's 33 districts have had their homes submerged. Several thousands are living in government-run relief camps.

Elsewhere in Assam, Kaziranga National Park, home to the endangered one-horn rhinoceros, has been flooded. The park is located 225 kilometers (140 miles) east of Gauhati, the state capital.

Floods and mudslides have also hit some other northeastern states, including Meghalaya, Sikkim and Mizoram. In Mizoram, floods have submerged about 400 homes in the small town of Tlabung, police said.

tween Washington and Pyongyang last year to facilitate a flurry of diplomacy between

the countries. He met Kim three times last year.

But since the Vietnam

In this Monday, July 8, 2019, file photo, people visit Mansu Hill to pay tribute to the late leaders Kim II Sung and Kim Jong II on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Kim II Sung's death, in Pyongyang, North Korea.

summit, North Kore has significantly reduced diplomatic activity and exchanges with South Korea and demanded that Seoul break away from Washington and resume inter-Korean economic projects held back by U.S.-led sanctions against the North. It recently urged Seoul to stop mediating between North Korea and the United States, though Kim joined a brief three-way encounter with Moon and Trump before he and the U.S. president went into a bilateral meeting at Panmunjom.

Since starting talks with Washington, Kim has suspended nuclear and longrange missile tests, allowing Trump to boast of a major achievement in his North Korea policy.

NEWS BRIEFS

China warns US 'not to play with fire' regarding Taiwan

Hungary **BUDAPEST,** (AP)—The United States

should not "play with fire" regarding Taiwan after Washington announced its intention to sell \$2.2 billion in weapons to the island state, China's foreign minister said Friday. Wang Yi also said during a visit to Hungary that his country is concerned about Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen's stops in the U.S. before and after state visits to the Caribbean. Taiwan doesn't have diplomatic ties with the U.S., though Washington provides Taiwan, which split from China in a 1949 civil war, with military and other support. China objects to such support as interference in what it considers its internal affairs and is seeking to bring self-governing Taiwan under its control. "If the U.S. side wants to create new troubles in U.S.-China relations, ultimately their actions will backfire," Wang said. "We urge the United States to fully recognize the gravity of the Taiwan question" and "honor its promise of adhering to the one-China principle." On Sunday, the U.S. State Department announced the proposed arms sale to Taiwan, including 108 Abrams tanks and 250 Stinger surface-to-air missiles. Regarding his visit to Hungary, Wang and his Hungarian counterpart, Peter Szi-

jjarto, emphasized growing

business and trade relations between the two countries, including a Chinese loan to renovate the railway link between Budapest and Serbia's capital, Belgrade. The project has drawn scrutiny because of its large cost and disputed economic benefits.

Quake in PH injures 25, damages homes, churches

Philippines

MANILA, (AP)—A moderately strong earthquake struck in the southern Philippines as people slept before dawn Saturday, injuring at least 25 villagers and damaging several houses, two churches, a public market and a fire station, officials said. The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said the magnitude 5.5 quake struck about 7 kilometers (4 miles) southeast of Carrascal town in Surigao del Sur province and was felt in outlying provinces. Aftershocks have been detected. The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council said a Catholic church's ceiling crumbled in Surigao del Sur's Carmen town and another church in Lanuza town sustained "major damage," while several houses reported cracks and damage. A public market was damaged in Carmen and a small fire station collapsed in Madrid town, damaging a firetruck and a police car. A small Surigao hospital also was damaged, officials said.

Disaster-response teams have been deployed to help affected residents and assess possible damage in interior towns.

Thai farmers race their buffaloes in show of gratitude

CHONBURI, **Thailand** (AP)—Farmers in eastern Thailand on Saturday celebrated the start of the sowing season by racing their buffaloes, whose usual duty is to plow the fields. The annual Wooden Plow Buffalo Race in Chonburi, about 60 kilometers (37 miles) southeast of Bangkok, is held to express gratitude to the buffaloes for working for the farmers all year long. "It's a long-inherited tradition that has been passed down from generation to generation," said Supanee Saengue, one of the race organizers. Around 60 buffaloes were registered for the race, with the farmers coaxing and goading the animals to the finish line. "You have to whip them as much as you could to make them go fast, otherwise you could lose. The more you whip them, the faster they go," said race competitor Suchai Saengdee. Another competitor, Apichart Kongtrupjareon, said his two buffaloes had to be trained from the ground up, starting by slowly walking them abreast 10 times a day until their rhythm matches. "They're just like humans—if they don't exercise, their muscles get sore," Apichart said.

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World

Islamic extremist attack on Somali hotel leaves 26 dead

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)—Islamic extremists blew up the gate of a Somali hotel with a car bomb and took over the building for more than 14 hours, leaving 26 people dead before Somali forces

who besieged the hotel overnight killed the attackers. The victims included a prominent Canadian-Somali journalist.

Three Kenyans, three Tanzanians, two Americans and a Briton also were among the dead, said Ahmed Madobe, the president of Jubbaland regional state which controls Kismayo. Fifty-six people, including two Chinese, were injured in the hotel attack, he told reporters.

At least four al-Shabab assailants attacked the Asasey Hotel Friday evening, beginning with a suicide car bomb at the entrance gate and followed by an assault by gunmen who stormed the hotel, which is frequented by politicians, patrons and lawmakers.

The attack lasted more than 14 hours before troops shot dead all attackers inside the hotel compound, Col. Abdiqadir Nur, a local police officer, told The Associated Press.

Somalia's Islamic extremist

rebels, al-Shabab, claimed responsibility for the attack. Al-Shabab, which is allied to al-Qaida, often uses car bombs to infiltrate heavily fortified targets like the hotel in Kismayo, which has been relatively quiet in recent years.

The attack is a blow to the Somalia government's efforts to hold nation-wide, one-person one-vote elections next year.

Security officials cordoned off the site of the attack and prevented journalists from taking photos or video of the damaged hotel and in some cases destroyed journalists' cameras. Government officials have not been available for further interviews.

Nalayeh and her husband, Farid Jama Suleiman, died in the attack, Mogadishu-based independent radio station Radio Dalsan confirmed to AP.

"I'm absolutely devastated by the news of the death of our dear sister Hodan Nalayeh and her husband in a terrorist attack in Somalia today. What a loss to us. Her beautiful spirit shined through her work and the way she treated people," Omar Suleiman, a Texasbased imam who knew the victim, wrote on social media.

Nalayeh was born in Somalia in 1976, but spent most of her life in Canada, first in Alberta and then in Toronto. She founded Integration TV, an interna-

Canadian journalist Hodan tional web-based video production company aimed at Somali viewers around the world. She was the first Somali woman media owner in the world.

> Canadian Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Ahmed Hussen mourned Hodan Nalayeh's death on Twitter, saving she "highlighted the community's positive stories and contributions in Canada" through her work as a journalist. "We mourn her loss deeply, and all others killed in the #KismayoAttack," he wrote.

> Nalayeh's endless "positivity" and "love for people" was inspiring, said Canada's New Democratic Party leader Andrea Horwath on Twitter.

WORLD BRIEFS

UK counter-terror police probe leak of ambassador's cables

LONDON (AP)—British

police opened a criminal

investigation on Friday into

the leaking of confidential diplomatic memos that cost the U.K. ambassador in Washington his job. The probe is being led by the Metropolitan Police Counter Terrorism Command because it is responsible for investigating breaches of Britain's Official Secrets Act The Mail on Sunday published cables from Ambassador Kim Darroch describing the Trump administration as dysfunctional, clumsy and inept. The president hit back by branding the ambassador a "pompous fool," and Darroch resigned, saying it had become impossible for him to do his job. Counterterrorism police chief Neil Basu said Friday that the leak had damaged U.K. international relations and there was "a clear public interest" in prosecuting the perpetrator or perpetrators. He urged the culprits: "turn yourself in at the earliest opportunity, explain yourself and face the consequences." British officials have said they have no evidence hacking was involved in the documents' release, and that the culprit is likely to be found among U.K. politicians

Toxic lake in Russia's Siberia becomes selfie sensation

or officials.

MOSCOW (AP) — Residents of a city in Siberia don't need to fly off to tropical locales for picturesque selfies taken by pristine turquoise waters. Thousands of Novosibirsk residents ranging from scantily clad women to newlyweds have been busy instagramming near a bright blue lake nicknamed the "Siberian Maldives." The lake is blue, however, due to a chemical reaction between toxic waste elements from a local power station. Environmentalists are warning people against coming into contact with the water. "We can compare it only with photos of the Maldives," said Sergey Griva, a local who visited the lake,

adding he's never been to the Maldives and couldn't find it on a map. Dmitry Shakhov, a Russian environmentalist, warned that the water in the lake can cause allergic reactions or even chemical burns if ingested or touched. "This water is saturated with heavy metals (and) harmful substances," he said. The Siberian Generating Company said Friday it has deployed guards to keep trespassers at bay, but insists the lake presents no environmental danger.

Cuba debuts modern Chinese train as rail overhaul begins

HAVANA (AP)—The first

train using new equipment

from China pulled out of Ha-

vana Saturday, hauling excit-

ed passengers on the start of

a 915-kilometer (516-mile) journey to the eastern end of the island as the government tries to overhaul the country's aging and decrepit rail system. The 14 gleaming Chinese cars and a locomotive departed the city's central train station and will wend their way through nine cities before ending in Guantanamo 15 hours later. It has four air-conditioned wagons and a rolling restaurant car. Previously the trip could take days because of equipment breakdowns and track erosion. It marks a first step of an overhaul Cuba's government communist started early last year, repairing some 2,600 miles (4,200 kilometers) of aging tracks and dozens of tumble-down stations scattered around the island. "It's a blessing from God because we had to take this trip and private cars are very expensive, but we got a very good low fare and we are proud to be taking this train," said 69-year-old passenger Virginia Pardo. But much remains to be done to bring Cuba's ailing train system up to acceptable standards with miles of rusting tracks and just a handful of reliably equipped trains. Cuba received a shipment of 80 new train carriages and locomotives in early May, part of a promised consignment of 250 pieces of new equipment by the end of 2019.

Despite US warnings, Russian S-400 systems land in Turkey



ANKARA, Turkey (AP)— The first shipment of a Russian missile defense system has arrived in Turkey, the Turkish Defense Ministry said Friday, moving the country closer to possible U.S. sanctions and a new standoff with Washington.

A Defense Ministry statement said "the first group of equipment" of the S-400 air defense systems has reached the Murted Air Base near the capital, Ankara. Defense Minister Hulusi Akar said three planes carrying the equipment landed at the airfield on Friday, adding that the delivery would continue in the coming days.

The U.S. has strongly urged NATO member Turkey to pull back from the deal-reportedly costing more than \$2 billion-warning the country that it will face economic sanctions under the Counter-

ing America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act if it goes ahead with the purchase. It has also said Turkey won't be allowed to participate in the program to produce high-tech F-35 fighter jets.

Although U.S. President Donald Trump expressed sympathy toward Turkey's decision to purchase the Russian system during a meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on the sidelines of a G-20 meeting in Japan. Washington has repeatedly said that the Russian system is incompatible with NATO systems and is a threat to the F-35.

Sanctions would mark a new low in the already-tense relations between Turkey and the U.S. Last year, the United States imposed sanctions on Turkey over its detention of an American pastor, triggering a Turkish currency crisis.

The deal with Russia—the first such deal between Russia and a NATO member—has also raised concerns that Turkey is drifting closer to Moscow's sphere of influence.

The acting U.S. secretary of defense, Mark Esper, said Washington was aware that Turkey began taking delivery of a Russian-made system.

Esper, who is expected to be officially nominated next week to be defense secretary, told reporters at the Pentagon that the U.S. remains unwilling to allow Turkey to acquire the U.S. F-35 stealth fighter, as long as it has the S-400.

Esper said he planned to speak to his Turkish counterpart later in the day.

The prospect of a further rupture in Turkey's relations with Washington also raises a delicate issue rarely mentioned in public: the status of American nuclear weapons stored at Turkey's Incirlik air base. Turkey has had a nuclear role in NATO for decades, but this new split is likely to cause some in Washington to question the wisdom of keeping those nuclear bombs at Incirlik. Locations of U.S. nuclear weapons abroad are not publicly acknowledged by the U.S. as a matter of policy.

Turkey has refused to bow to U.S. pressure, insisting that choosing which defense equipment to purchase is a matter of national sovereignty.

"We've always said regarding the S400s that it's an agreement that has been finalized and the process continues to progress," Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu told reporters. "There's no problem and the process will continue in a healthy way going forward."

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Focus



By JOHNSON LAI and ELAINE KURTENBACH

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ONG KONG (AP)—It's still the world's "freeconomy, one of the biggest global financial centers and a scenic haven for tycoons and tourists, but the waves of protests rocking Hong Kong are exposing strains unlikely to dissipate as communist-ruled Beijing's influence grows.

The end of the former British colony's 50-year grace period after China took control in 1997 is years away, and the protests have made only a minor dent in day-to-day business. But they point to issues clouding the outlook, as investors and residents fret that the city will lose its Westernstyle freedoms.

Many in Hong Kong believe their future hinges on keeping the civil liberties, independent courts and other advantages Beijing promised to preserve for at least a half-century after Britain ceded control under an arrangement dubbed "one-country, two systems."

"We're still talking about 28 years," says Grant Strudwick, vice president for Asia for Pinkerton, which provides risk management services. "The spotlight is on China as to how they treat this transition period."

Hong Kong's economy once was about a fifth the size of China's. Now, it's a tiny fraction of that, thanks in no small part to an industrial boom driven by Hong Kong tycoons who set up factories across the border after China opened to outside investment in the 1970s.

The territory's success as a center for trade and investment is grounded in its independent legal system and the free flow of information, said Joseph Cheng, a political analyst and leader of a pro-democracy coalition, the Alliance for True Democracy.

"These are two important assets enabling Hong Kong to have a distinct edge over major coastal cities in China, like Shanghai, like Shenzhen," he said.

He believes that, without further moves toward democracy, Hong Kong will likely become more unstable.

Confidence in the "one country, two systems" experiment was already feeble when the top local leader, Chief Executive Carrie Lam, put forward legislation that would allow authorities to send suspects held in Hong Kong to face trial in mainland Chinese courts that provide no

assurances of independent judges, due process and other Western legal protections.

As tens and sometimes hundreds of thousands of Hong Kong residents took to the streets in protests and business groups and foreign governments registered their concerns, Lam suspended the proposed legislation. Pro-democracy activists have pressed on with the protests, demanding she permanently withdraw the bill, order an independent inquiry into heavy-handed police tactics and resign.

On Tuesday, Lam insisted that the extradition bill was "dead." Hong Kong's government also issued a statement saying it doesn't plan to implement the "social credit" system used in the mainland to penalize and reward behavior measured using various technologies including data processing and facial recognition that critics have described as Orwellian.

Most of the demonstrations have been peaceful, though some have turned violent. Protesters vandalized the local legislative building earlier this month. Such sights might deter some investors, but they also show the city is a world apart from the rest of China, where public dissent is banned.

The protests are "part of the checks and balances in place in Hong Kong that support institutional strength," the ratings agency

Moody's said in a recent update.

The conservative think tank Heritage Foundation has ranked Hong Kong the "freest economy" for 25 straight years. The city is the No. 3 financial center, according to an international survey of bankers, behind New York and London. It plays a pivotal role in financing for China and was the top location for initial public offerings in 2018, with nearly \$37 billion raised.

As small as it is relative to China as a whole, Hong Kong retains an outsized strategic role for Beijing, says Ken Courtis, chairman of Starfort Investment Holdings.

If trade tensions between the U.S. and China worsen further, leading Washington to curb financial activities of mainland companies in American markets, Hong Kong's role for launching IPOs could grow further, he notes.

For now, it's Hong Kong's proximity to China, and its special status, that make it such an important location for businesses, analysts say.

Strudwick said Beijing's efforts to build a "Greater Bay area" encompassing Hong Kong and other parts of the manufacturing-heavy Pearl River Delta are helping to integrate the territory more closely with neighbors such as Guangzhou and Shenzhen. That might help revitalize its economy, which expanded at an anemic 0.6% annual rate in the last quarter, battered by slowing demand

and trade tensions.

While unemployment is low, bread-and-butter issues such as how to afford to live in a city with the world's priciest real estate are adding to frustrations.

Salaries come nowhere close to matching the territory's per capita GDP of nearly \$50,000 a year—a reflection of the vast disparities in wealth between those living in villas on Victoria Peak and the majority occupying tiny apartments that sell for about \$24,000 per square meter.

"Everything has changed. I am not talking about democracy, it seems no matter how hard you work, your life remains hard. In the past, you could afford an apartment if you worked hard," said a laundry shop worker who like many protest supporters gave only her first name, Lisa. "This is a huge difference."

For a country like China whose leaders often boast of a 3,000-plus year history, 50 years is only a snippet of time. For Hong Kong residents taking to the streets in protest, it's the better part of a lifetime.

"It's how the social strata and those freedoms are managed that is going to be the focus of future potential protest activity and unrest and uncertainty," Strudwick said. "It's still going to be a major global city into the future. It's a case of understanding the risks and knowing what you're getting into come that 2047 time frame."

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Cutting carbs instead of calories keeps weight off, study says

By NARA SCHOENBERG

n a study of overweight people maintaining weight loss, those on a low-carbohydrate diet burned about 250 more calories per day than those on a high-carbohydrate diet. The study of 164 people, published Wednesday by The BMJ medical journal, notes the challenge of maintaining weight loss in the face of the resulting hunger and metabolism slowdown, and says that the calorie-burning effect of a lowcarb diet "may improve the success of obesity treatment."

"These findings show that all calories are not alike to the body, and

that restricting carbohydrates may be a better strategy for long-term weight loss than restricting calories," said study co-author Dr. David Ludwig, co-director of the New Balance Foundation Obesity Prevention Center at Boston Children's Hospital.

The study addresses one of the most vexing problems in weight loss: As the weight comes off, the body fights back, burning fewer calories and bombarding us with hunger signals.

"It's a recipe for failure," Ludwig

It's also something of a mystery: Why does the body react as if it's starving when it clearly is not? For some researchers, including Ludwig, the answer lies in the carbohydrateinsulin model, the theory that processed carbohydrates such as white bread trigger hormonal changes that lead to hunger, metabolic slowdown and weight gain.

Processed carbohydrates digest quickly into sugar, raising insulin levels, Ludwig said. Insulin, in turn, programs fat cells to store excess calories. When calories are locked up in fat cells, the brain can't perceive them and thinks the body needs more food.

The authors of the study collaborated with Framingham State University, where 164 overweight people-students, staff, faculty and community members—agreed to eat only study-supplied food. First, study participants lost about 12 percent of their body weight, roughly 20 to 25 pounds for the average participant.

"We know that's going to stress their metabolism," Ludwig said.

Then for the 20-week test phase, study participants were randomly placed in three groups: those who ate diets composed of 20 percent carbohydrates, 40 percent or 60 percent. Each diet contained 20 percent protein, with the remaining portion composed of fat. Diets used healthy foods and were as similar as possible, Ludwig said. The goal at this stage was to maintain the weight loss, not to lose any more weight.

Those on the low-carb diet burned 209 to 278 more calories per day than those on the high-carb diet, a difference that would lead to an estimated 22-pound weight loss over three vears if researchers weren't intervening to maintain weight.

And the effect was even larger for those who produced high levels of insulin in response to carbohydrates; they burned 308 to 478 more calories a day on the low-carb diet than they did on the high-carb diet.

How do you know if you're a high insulin secreter? "Look in the mirror," Ludwig advised. "If your fat distribution is predominantly around the midsection—so you are more like an apple than a pear—you're more likely to be a high insulin secreter."

Physical activity levels were very similar for the three diet groups before the study began, Ludwig said.

The researchers encouraged all participants to maintain their usual level of physical activity, which was monitored. During the study, the lowcarb group showed a tendency toward more moderate-vigorous physical activity, perhaps as a result of the diet, Ludwig said via email. But he emphasized that exercise was only a minor component of the total effect on calories burned

A co-author of a 2015 PloS One journal article comparing low-fat and low-carb diets praised the precision and design of the new study, including the direct calculation of energy expenditure, which is difficult and labor intensive.

"I think they brought a level of sophistication that you don't tend to see in these kinds of trials," said Dr. Jonathan Sackner-Bernstein, a former Food and Drug Administration associate center director for technology and innovation who does consulting for drug and device companies.

Sackner-Bernstein said the study reinforced his belief that the more sensitive you are to carbohydrates, in terms of your insulin response, the more important it is to be on a carbohydrate-restricted diet.

Ludwig said the study's findings are very close to what the authors predicted, but more work needs to be done.

"This is one study, so the findings need to be replicated and examined in a broader population—although we did have quite a demographic variety in our participants," he said. "We need to see how this effect might play out in other studies, how other populations would respond."

To ease stress, take two puppies and call us in the morning

By JOAN MORRIS

Feeling a bit stressed at work? Making one too many trips to the coffee machine? Ready to pull out your hair? Try a little puppy and kitten therapy.

People, Animals, Love and Support (PALS) will bring some adorable, adoptable puppies or kittens to your office for an hour of unmitigated cuteness and stress-reduction.

Now through Oct. 1, businesses in Oakland, Berkeley or Emeryville can request an hour-long visit from PALS and their calm-

the adorableness, all while lowering blood pressure without the use of medication.

In return, PALS, which was formed in 2015 to find animals adoptive homes, asks for help in spreading the word about pets that need adoption and donations to the cause.

This is an opportunity for stressed out employees to come together as a team, take a mini-wellness break and enjoy some quality time with adorable puppies and kittens," said Jessica Lefebvre, director of PALS. "Our adoptable pets win too, because we

inducing furry friends. Workers can know this will help them find homes stroke, cuddle and ooh and ahh over and spread the word about homeless pets in need."

> PALS' Paws at Work visits are available on a first-come, firstserved basis. To schedule a visit or learn more about the program, email palseastbay@gmail.com

> In addition to finding homes for pets, PALS also offers low-income pet owner free monthly vaccine clinics and assistance with spaying or neutering their pets. And PALS' "Rainbow Bridge Program" takes sick and elderly dogs from public shelters so they can live out their final days with love and dignity.



Can playing with and cuddling cute kittens and puppies help lower your stress? It certainly couldn't hurt. VOREN1/ISTOCKPHOTO/GETTY IMAGES NORTH AMERICA/TNS

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Life & Style

Feds bring new sex-crime charges against singer R. Kelly

By SARA BURNETT and CARYN **ROUSSEAU**

CHICAGO (AP)—R. Kelly and his entourage recruited girls and women to engage in illegal sexual activity with the singer and covered up the crimes by paying off and threatening victims and witnesses, federal prosecutors alleged Friday in indictments that could keep the Grammy winner behind bars for decades.

Because they come from the federal government, the accusations add a new dimension to the allegations against Kelly, who was already facing sexual abuse charges brought by Illinois prosecutors earlier this year.

Chicago said Kelly arranged for a girl and her parents to travel overseas to prevent them from talking with police prior to his 2002 indictment on 21 counts of child pornography. The R&B artist allegedly later instructed them to lie to a grand jury about the case. Kelly was acquitted in 2008 of the charges, which accused him of recording a video of sex acts with the girl, who was 12 or 13 when they met in the mid-1990s.

A separate indictment filed in the Eastern District of New York included charges of racketeering, kidnapping, forced labor and the sexual exploitation of a child.

It said Kelly and his man-

One federal indictment in agers, bodyguards and other assistants picked out women and girls at concerts and other venues and arranged for them to travel to see Kelly. They also set rules the women and girls had to follow, including not leaving their rooms—even to eat or go to the bathroom without Kelly's permission, calling the singer "Daddy" and not looking at other men, the indictment alleges.

> The allegations have swirled for years around Kelly, whom federal prosecutors said Friday was "emboldened by his fame and the lack of any real consequences." The charges come after two documentaries and a series of news articles about the accusations, as well as pleas from prosecutors who have urged new victims and

witnesses came forward.

Kelly was arrested Thursday evening while walking his dog "Believe" in Chicago. He appeared in court Friday, standing before the judge in an orange jumpsuit, with his hands clasped behind his back. The only words he spoke during the 15-minute hearing were "yes, ma'am."

He will remain in federal custody at least until Tuesday, when he's scheduled for a detention hearing. Prosecutors want him held without bail.

His attorney, Steve Greenberg, said the latest charges were "not a surprise" and that Kelly should be allowed to post bail.

"It's the worst kept secret he was going to get charged federally, and he hasn't fled," he said following Friday's hearing.

He also accused the federal government of "piling on" with the new charges and described his client as unflappable despite a series of indictments in recent months.

"I'm amazed he hasn't had a complete breakdown in the face of all of this pressure," he said. He questioned if the victims referenced in the indictments were actually victims.

"They've charged him in New York with enticing people and encouraging people to have sex with him," Greenberg said. "I don't think people accidentally have sex so I'm not really sure what the criminal activity is there."

The New York indictment alleges that the criminal acts occurred over two decades dating back to 1999, both in the U.S. and overseas. It accuses Kelly of engaging in sexual acts with girls under 18, of having sex with a woman without disclosing that he had a sexually transmitted disease and of producing child pornography.

The Chicago indictment charges Kelly with child sex crimes, including producing child pornography, and conspiracy to defraud the U.S. government. It also names Kelly's business manager, Derrel McDavid, and another employee.

It says Kelly recorded himself engaged in sex acts with several minor girls and went to great lengths to recover the videos when he realized some were missing from his "collection." Kelly allegedly made some victims and witnesses take lie-detector tests to ensure they had returned all copies of the videos.

No lights, big city: Power outage KOs Broadway, Times Square



Screens in Times Square are black during a power outage, Saturday, July 13, 2019, in New York.

YORK (AP)—A power outage crippled the tourist-filled heart of Manhattan just as Saturday night Broadway shows were set to go on, sending theater- p.m. Saturday, authorities said. goers spilling into the streets, knocking out Times Square's towering electronic screens and bringing subway lines to a near halt.

Con Edison and New York City officials said electricity was restored to customers and businesses primarily on Manhattan's Upper West Side just before midnight.

The New York City Fire Department said a transformer fire at West 64th Street and West End Avenue affected hundreds of thousands of

customers along a 30-block stretch from Times Square to about 72nd Street and Broadway.

The fire started just before 7

The temperature was in the low 80s as the sun set, but not as steaming as Manhattan can get in July, challenging the city's power grid.

Power went out early Saturday evening at much of Rockefeller Center, reaching the Upper West Side and knocking out traffic lights.

A big cheer went up among Upper West Side residents when power flickered back on at about 10:30 p.m. For hours before that, doormen stood with flashlights in the

darkened entrances of upscale apartment buildings along Central Park West, directing residents to walk up flights of stairs to their apartments, with all elevators out.

Police directed traffic at intersections as pedestrians and bikes weaved through the dark.

The outage comes on the anniversary of the 1977 New York City outage that left most of the city without power.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said in a statement that although no injuries were reported "the fact that it happened at all is unacceptable." He said the state Department of Public Service will investigate.

He later added the outage is

poses a safety risk.

"You just can't have a power outage of this magnitude in this city" Cuomo said. "It is too dangerous, the potential for public safety risk and chaos is too high, we just can't have a system that does that, it's that simple at the end of the day."

Most Broadway musicals and plays canceled their Saturday evening shows, including "Hadestown," which last month won the Tony Award for best musical. Several cast members from the musical "Come From Away" held an impromptu performance in the street outside the theater for disappointed audience members.

Taylor Swift shakes off drama with fun concert performance

NEW YORK (AP)—In her first public appearance since discovering her masters were in the hands of someone she's not a fan of. Taylor Swift didn't directly address the issue, but she did play music from that rich catalog, including songs from her groundbreaking sophomore album to her first full-blown pop project to her latest title.

There was one moment, though, where Swift may have called out Scooter Braun and Scott Borchetta on Wednesday night when she headlined

Amazon Music's Prime Day Concert in New York City. When singing her final song, the upbeat hit "Shake It Off," she was extra loud as she uttered the words: "Liars and the dirty, dirty cheats of the world."

Some viewers on social media felt like Swift was throwing shade, but the pop star seemed to shake off the drama with a fun, entertaining performance that came two weeks after she wrote that she was sad and grossed out that her music catalog now belongs to Braun, who she accuses of subjecting her to years of incessant and manipulative bullying.

Swift's die-hard fans were as loud as ever Wednesday, erupting before she hit the stage at the Hammerstein Ballroom, chanting her name minutes before opened her set with a colorful performance of the song "ME!"

She sang tunes from all of

her albums except her 2006 self-titled debut and 2010's "Speak Now." She strummed her guitar while she sang "Delicate" from "reputation" and "Welcome to New York" from "1989," which won the Grammy for album of the year. She reminded the audience she was a former country singer before performing "Love Story" from "Fearless," which also won the top Grammy prize. And she whipped her head back and forth as she belted "I Knew You Were Trouble" from her "Red" album.



Swift sang her "You Need to Calm Down" live for the first time at the event, which also featured performances by singers SZA, Dua Lipa and Becky G. On the

song Swift addresses her own haters but also calls out those who attack the LGBTQ community. It will appear on her new album, "Lover," to be released Aug. 23.

"It's really, sort of, a love letter to love itself. And I think that love is such an inspiring thing to write about," she said of the upcoming album. "Love is complexity. Love is struggle. Love is pain. Love is joy. Love is hope. Love is equality.'

Emmy-winning Jane Lynch hosted the event, which featured clips of Amazon Prime programming between performances, from "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" to "Jack Ryan."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Soccer player celebrates World Cup win with dance from J. Lo

NEW YORK (AP)—Carli Lloyd of the U.S. women's national soccer team celebrated her recent World Cup victory with a lap dance from J. Lo. Jennifer Lopez pulled Lloyd from the audience to the stage at Madison Square Garden in New York City on Friday night, working her sensual moves on the soccer star. After Lopez told the crowd that Lloyd was in attendance, her fiance Alex Rodriguez escorted Lloyd to security guards who walked her to the stage, where she sat on a chair shaped like a stiletto shoe. Lopez congratulated Lloyd for her team's win and then told the athlete: "Got a little present for you." "Actually Carli, I got two presents for you," the pop star said. "Girls, will you take care of Carli and give her a little birthday present?" Lopez left the stage and two of her female backup dancers gyrated on Lloyd as the 2009 hit "Birthday Sex" by R&B singer Jeremih played in the background. Lloyd's 37th birthday is Tuesday.

Funeral held for Beth Chapman of 'Dog the Bounty Hunter'

AURORA, Colorado (AP)— Friends and family of the late "Dog the Bounty Hunter" reality TV show co-star Beth Chapman gathered in Colorado on Saturday where they remembered her as tough and irreverent, yet full of love even for some of the fugitives she helped apprehend. Funeral services were held in Chapman's home state after she died last month at the age of 51 in Hawaii, where she lived with her family. She had been battling cancer for about two

years. Chapman and her husband Duane "Dog" Chapman starred in the A&E show until it was canceled in 2012. The show followed the couple as they apprehended people who avoided arrest warrants. They later starred in Country Music Television's "Dog & Beth: On the Hunt." During Saturday's services at the Heritage Christian Center, Duane Chapman recalled how he met his future wife when he posted her bond after she'd shoplifted a lemon. The couple married in 2006. By then, Duane Chapman the self-proclaimed world's best bounty hunter—already had gained fame for nabbing serial rapist and Max Factor heir Andrew Luster in Mexico in 2003.

Collectable sneakers on auction at Sotheby's in New York NEW YORK (AP)—True

sneaker heads will get the opportunity to expand their collection as Sotheby's in New York holds its first sneaker auction. These aren't just any old sneakers but 100 of the rarest, most-coveted sneakers around, including the Nike handmade "Moon Shoe" designed by Nike co-founder Bill Bowerman in 1972. Only 12 were made and a pair is expected to fetch as much as \$160,000. Another highlight: Two pairs of Nike Mags inspired by "Back to the Future," made to raise money for Parkinson's research. Both models light up and one is self-lacing. The auction also features a pair of size 9 Nike Air Jordan II blue suede Derek Jeter shoes, made to commemorate the New York Yankee icon's 2014 retirement. The starting bid is

Bidding runs through July 23.

Burglars target church where author Stephen King spoke

DURHAM, Maine (AP)—A 214-year-old church where Stephen King once spoke has been the victim of mysterious thefts. The leader of the Durham Historical Society tells the Sun Journal that thieves took several items that can be seen in a photo taken of the horror writer at the pulpit in 1984. Historical society Chairwoman Tia Nadeau Wilson said those items included a flag, a cross and a memorial plaque. She said they seemed to be so specifically targeted that she wondered if there was a connection to the photo of King's appearance. The thieves also stole historic photos but left the frames. She said: "I think there's something morbid going on." Police are investigating. The Methodist Church in West Durham is not far from King's childhood home. It's on the National Register of Historic Places.

Ed Sheeran confirms he's married to Cherry Seaborn

LONDON (AP)—Ed Sheeran has confirmed for the first time that he and long-time girlfriend Cherry Seaborn are married. British media reported the pair wed before Christmas in front of about 40 friends and family. In an interview with broadcaster Charlamagne Tha God to promote his album "No.6 Collaborations Project," Sheeran talked about how he wrote the song "Remember the Name," which refers to "my wife." The 28-year-old British singer-songwriter said "I knew that we'd be married by the point that the song came out." The album, released Friday, includes collaborations with Justin Bieber, Stormzy, Eminem, 50 Cent and Bruno Mars. Sheeran and Seaborn, 26, met at primary school in eastern England and announced their engagement in 2018.

Novelist David Baldacci gifts \$1M to Mark Twain home

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)— The historic home in Hartford where Mark Twain and his family once lived has received a \$1 million gift from bestselling novelist David Baldacci and his wife. The Mark Twain House & Museum says the gift is expected to support new initiatives including writing programs and more appearances by authors. Baldacci, who's published 38 books, has served on the board of trustees of the Twain House since 2012. Baldacci tells the Hartford Courant that he's a huge fan of Mark Twain, whose real name was Samuel Clemens, and has read everything he ever wrote. Baldacci says the famed author not only made a huge impression on him through his writing, but how he conducted his life. Clemens lived in the Hartford home from 1874 to 1891.

'Buzz Books' e-book offers free excerpts of romance fiction

NEW YORK (AP)-Romance fiction from Sabrina Jeffries and Julia London will be among more than a dozen excerpts from a free e-book compilation. "Buzz Books 2019: Romance" was released Friday by the industry newsletter Publishers Lunch The e-book also includes upcoming works from such established authors as G.A. Aiken, who continues with her "Scarred Earth Saga," and emerging writers such as Evie Dunmore and Melissa Ferguson. It can be downloaded off the Publishers Lunch web site or from Amazon.com, Apple and other leading sellers. "Buzz Books" was published in anticipation of the annual Romance Writers of America conference, to be held July 24-27 in New York.

Man arrested in UK after climbing Buckingham Palace gates

LONDON (AP)—London police have arrested a man who climbed the front gates of Buckingham Palace while Queen Elizabeth II was in

residence. The Metropolitan Police Service said the 22-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of trespassing early Wednesday by members of its royalty protection unit. The police department said he was released from custody Thursday while the investigation continues. Palace officials declined to say whether the queen was told about the incident. Police say the intruder wasn't carrying a weapon and his alleged actions weren't seen as related to any extremist threat. The suspect hasn't been charged or identified.



NEW BARBIE

ΜΑΤΤΕΙ VIA ΔΡ

This image released by Mattel shows a Ziggy Stardust Barbie, honoring the 50th anniversary of the release of David Bowie's iconic "Space Oddity." The \$50, limited edition Barbie Bowie doll was created in collaboration with The David Bowie Archive.

Structure of dad's will leaves his daughter feeling left out

EAR ABBY: My sister and I are 42 and 50. Our parents divorced 30 years ago, and Dad has been remarried for about 20 years. Although he lives across the country, we see him twice a year and have what I think is a healthy, strong relationship.

Over the past 10 years, he and his wife have been taking international hiking trips abroad. Before they go they send us their itinerary, copies of their will, power of attorney, etc. in case something were to happen on the trip. It's clear in the will that if Dad dies first, everything gets left to his wife. Then, once his wife passes, whatever remains will be split between her two adult children and my sister and me.

It bothers me that there isn't a provision in the will to leave anything specific to me and my sister if he goes first. After discussing this with my therapist, I found the courage to bring it up with Dad. His response was something along the lines of, "This is what we've decided so 'Judy' has enough to live on after I die."

Is this normal? My friends and husband think this is strange and sad. I feel hurt, but also uncomfortable because it's not "my money," and he's obviously free to do with it as he wishes. I see how generous my husband's parents are with us, and it's in stark contrast to my dad. Advice?

LEFT OUT IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR LEFT OUT: If by "something specific" you are referring to a personal item, such a watch, a ring, his old pitcher's mitt or bowling ball, I think you should have another talk with your father and Judy. A memento like that would not impoverish her, and it might make you feel better. It's worth a try. If, however, you're referring to a sum of money, accept that their financial assets are theirs to do with as they choose, even if you do not agree with it.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in a touchy situation, and I'm not sure what to do. My daughter's getting married soon, and her matron of honor, "Teresa," has caused this. We have known her since she was young. We have taken her many places with us, helped with her bridal shower and with preparations for her wedding.

Teresa had a baby two months ago and brought her to my daughter's bridal shower. When my mom asked to hold the infant, Teresa refused! Now Mom is very upset. This is the same person Teresa used to call "Grandma."

I'm upset about it, too, but Teresa doesn't seem to care. She's afraid of her baby getting "germs." We are not dirty people. It almost feels like since we aren't of use to her anymore, we don't matter. How do we react at the wedding?

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DEAR DISSED: If Teresa didn't want her baby exposed to germs, she should not have brought the infant with her to the shower. That said, I do not think her protectiveness was intended to be a personal insult to your family. Be polite and warm when the big day arrives. Because she will be busy with her matron of honor duties at the wedding, she should not bring the child with her because it could divert attention from the bride.

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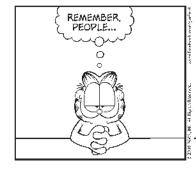
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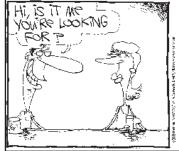
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Tristan Wilds, 30; Lana Parrilla, 42; Jason Bonham, 53; Forest Whitaker, 58

Happy Birthday: Do your very best, and you'll stand out this year Discipline hard work diversity and open-mindedness, will lead to many possibilities. Refuse to let what others do infringe on doing what's right for you. Surround yourself with people who make you think and encourage you to try new things. Personal improvements and romance are highlighted. Your numbers are 2, 8, 14, 22, 27, 34, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Think matters through before you take action. You'll come up against opposition if you are inconsistent or unprepared. Flesh out any foreseeable problems in order to avoid criticism. Listen to what others say and want, and you'll

know exactly how to respond. **©©** TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep moving forward. Stop talking and start doing if you want to reach your goal. A change should be made for the right reason, not to impress someone. Do something to improve your standard

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Use your intelligence when dealing with people who are trying to part you from your hard-earned cash. Look for opportunities to expand your interests and to improve your life without purchasing items you don't need. Stuff

of living and bring about peace of mind. OCCO

doesn't buy happiness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take a moment to assess a situation before you react. It's in your best interest to gather the facts, consider your options and put together an ironclad plan that will help you get the most out of whatever circumstance you face.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Try not to disagree. If you have a different opinion, keep it to yourself. Taking in information will make you smarter and better equipped to have a debate when the time is right. Open-mindedness will give you an advantage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take a moment to assess what you have and what you can do. The possibilities are endless, and the results can be spectacular if you put your plans into motion in a practical fashion. Socializing and romance are highlighted. ••••

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Think through every move you make. Take action when you are satisfied that you have everything in place. Keep your distance from anyone who tends to be harmful or causes emotion-

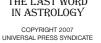
al stress. Take good care of your health. 🗪 SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a close-up look at what's actually happening. Go directly to the source and see for yourself how best you should deal with any situation that concerns you. What you discover will be enlightening. Personal growth is highlighted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be fooled by someone who brags or is notorious for dangling a carrot in

front of your nose in hopes you'll take the bait. Use your intelligence, and know when to say no. A joint venture isn't favored. •••

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can bring about a change at home that will make life better. A relationship will take a turn that will ease your stress and bring you closer to the ones you love. Share your feelings

by demonstrating affection. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep secrets. If you share too much information about yourself or someone else, you will look bad. Don't let a change of plans someone makes upset you. Do your own thing, and look out for your interests.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take part in an important event. Let your actions speak for you, and you will attract people who share your sentiments. Group endeavors will bring results, lead to new friendships and encourage you to socialize more. Romance is on the rise. OOOO

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, loving and kind. You are steadfast and progressive.

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HOW TO PLAY; All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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By Dave Green

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• The position includes supervisory duties.

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High School Graduate / GED

48 Months of relevant work experience to include supervisory experience

1 thorough understanding of CMMI Procurement, Law Enforcement Products, Hobby Supplies, Logistics, and Retail Store Operations

Can lift and carry 70 lbs

Self-managing with a proven history of integrity and self-motivation

(1) CHEF COOK

JOB DUTIES:

food preparation

REQUIREMENTS:

Salary: 14.14/hr

JOB DUTIES:

· Must be high school graduate

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follow standards and regulations, check the quality of raw or cooked food products to

ensure that standards are met, estimate amounts and costs of required supplies such as

food and ingredients, instruct cooks or other workers in the preparation, cooking, garnishing

or preparation of food, supervise or coordinate activities of cooks or workers engaged in

Take orders from patrons for food and beverages, check with customers to ensure that that

they are enjoying their meals and take actions to correct any problems, check patrons identification to ensure that they meet minimum age requirements for consumption of

alcoholic beverages, collects payments from customers, write patrons food orders on order

slips, memorize orders into computers for transmittal to kitchen staff

HANA TOUR SERVICE INC.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(14) TOUR GUIDES

Describe tour points of interest to group members, and respond to questions, escort individuals, or groups to cruises, sightseeing tours or thru places of interest such as individual establishments, public buildings, and art galleries, conduct education activities for school for school children, monitor visitors activities, to ensure compliance with establishment or tour regulations and safety practices, provide directions and other pertinent

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be high school graduate With at least 6 months' work experience as tour guide
- With customer service-oriented person
- With good moral character · Able to read an speak in Korean language

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• With work experience as waitress · With good moral character and can work flexible time

• Must be high school graduate

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Job duties:

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Salary: 8.28/hr This job opportunity is a temporary full-time position

· Plans and select Restaurant Menu.

· Manage costing of Menu Items.

food, labor and overhead costs.

• Vast knowledge in Japanese cuisine

24 months work related experience.

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• Police Clearance required

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· Check the quality of raw or cooked food products to ensure

· Collaborate with management to plan and develop recipes or menus, taking into account such factors as seasonal

availability of ingredients or the likely number of customers.

• Check the quantity and quality of received products.

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Dodgers beat Red Sox, snap 4-game losing streak



BOSTON (AP)—Justin

three extra-base hits, two of them off Chris Sale to continue the Red Sox left-hander's struggles at Fenway Park, and the Los Angeles Dodgers snapped a four-game losing streak with an 11-2 victory in a rematch of last year's World Series.

Cody Bellinger moved into a tie for the major league lead with his 31st homer — one of four hit by the Dodgers, who had lost seven straight at Fenway (including Games 1 and 2 of the Series) after dropping the series opener on Friday night.

Sale (3-9) allowed five runs for the third straight outing a career first - giving up seven hits, a walk and a hit batter to drop his record to 0-3 in 13 Fenway starts since his last win there on July 11, 2018.

Ross Stripling (4-3) allowed one run-Xander Bogaerts' 19th homer—on four hits, striking out seven to snap Boston's five-game winning streak. Bellinger and A.J. Pollock hit back-to-back homers off knuckleballer Steven Wright in the seventh for the Dodgers.

Angels 9, Mariners 2

In Anaheim, Mike Trout hit a two-run home run, Albert Pujols had four RBIs and Los Angeles followed up a no-hitter with a win over Seattle.

Kole Calhoun also homered and David Fletcher added two RBIs for the Angels, who have won their first two home games since the death of pitcher Tyler Skaggs, who would have turned 28 Saturday.

Before the game, the Angels placed the ball from the final out of their combined no-hitter on Friday in Skaggs' locker.

Angels reliever Noe Ramirez used his hat to catch Trout's 30th home run of the season, a 409-foot shot into the bullpen. Trout broke his own team record for fewest games needed to hit 30 homers, reaching the mark in 93 games, compared to the 98 games he needed in 2015.

Nationals 4, Phillies 3

In Philadelphia, Juan Soto hit a go-ahead two-run homer off closer Hector Neris with two outs in the ninth and Washington rallied past the Phillies.

Neris (1-4) retired the first two batters before Anthony Rendon hit a single. Soto blasted the next pitch for his 16th homer, capping a comeback from a 3-0 deficit against Aaron Nola.

Wander Suero (2-4) got two outs to earn the win and Sean Doolittle finished for his 20th save in 24 tries.





Los Angeles Dodgers' Chris Taylor (3) scores behind Boston Red Sox's Sandy Leon on a single by A.J. Pollock during the first inning of a baseball game in Boston, Saturday,

The second-place Nationals have won 17 of 21 and moved 2½ games ahead of the struggling Phillies, who are 14-23 since leading the NL East by $3\frac{1}{2}$ games on May 29.

Blue Jays 2, Yankees 1

In New York, Center fielder Randal Grichuk made a diving catch with the bases loaded and hit a two-run single as Toronto held off the Yankees.

The AL East-leading Yankees, who have not been shut out in more than a year, scored with two outs in the ninth inning on Aaron Judge's fourth hit of the game, a single off third baseman Brandon Drury's glove.

Joe Biagini (3-1) got one out, allowing a hit and walk, and picked up the win. Toronto starter Clayton Richard left after two innings with left lat tightness, and five relievers followed.

Athletics 13, White Sox 2

In Oakland, Franklin Barreto's three-run homer capped a seven-run first inning, and the Athletics routed Chicago.

Matt Chapman had three hits and scored twice for the A's, who have won nine of 11. Marcus Semien added two hits and Robbie Grossman drove in three runs.

Chris Bassitt (6-4) pitched six scoreless innings and struck out six.

Cubs 10, Pirates 4

In Chicago, Jon Lester homered, tied a career high with three RBIs and pitched into the seventh in the Cubs' win over Pittsburgh.

Willson Contreras had a three-run homer and Lester added a two-run single in the Cubs' seven-run first inning.

Lester (9-6) allowed three runs on eight hits, while striking out six and walking none in 6 2/3 innings.

Addison Russell drove in two runs as the Cubs won for the fourth time in five games.

Starling Marté hit a pair of solo homers, and Jung Ho Kang hit a long solo shot for Pittsburgh.

Orioles 2, Rays 1, 1st Game Rays 12, Orioles 4, 2nd Game

In Baltimore, Michael Brosseau and Nate Lowe each hit two of Tampa Bay's seasonhigh six home runs, and the Rays earned a doubleheader split with the Orioles.

Brosseau hit a two-run drive in the second inning and a solo shot in the ninth. Lowe went deep with a man on in the sixth and the ninth. It was the first career multihomer game for both players.

Yandy Diaz and Tommy Pham also homered for the Rays, who have won four of five.

Charlie Morton (11-2) allowed two runs and six hits in the second game, outdoing John Means (7-5) in a matchup of two pitchers who were selected to the AL All-Star squad but didn't get into the game.

In the opener, Stevie Wilkerson hit a two-run homer to back a surprisingly effective pitching performance by the

Mets 4, Marlins 2

In Miami, Robinson Cano hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the eighth inning to send

New York past the Marlins.

Noah Syndergaard (7-4) won his fourth consecutive decision. He pitched seven innings, allowing two runs and five hits. He struck out nine without walking a batter and retired the final 11 batters he faced.

Seth Lugo pitched a perfect eighth and Edwin Diaz worked around a one-out single in the ninth for his 20th save in 24 opportunities.

Royals 4, Tigers 1

In Kansas City, Hometown boy Bubba Starling delivered his first career hit and RBI for the Royals and Brad Keller outdueled Matthew Boyd.

Keller (5-9) allowed an RBI single to Harold Castro in the second but otherwise shut down Detroit, allowing four hits over eight innings. He struck out seven without a walk. Ian Kennedy earned his second save in as many nights.

Boyd (6-7) faced the minimum number of batters through four innings before things came undone. He wound up allowing four runs on six hits and four walks while striking out 10.

Cardinals 4, Diamondbacks 2

In St. Louis. Tyler O'Neill homered and tied a career high with four RBIs, Dakota Hudson pitched six effective innings, and the Cardinals beat Arizona.

The Cardinals broke a threegame losing streak with their first win since July 5.

Eduardo Escobar hit his 19th homer for Arizona, which snapped a four-game win streak.

O'Neill's two-run double in

the first gave the Cardinals a 2-0 lead. He added a homer off Merrill Kelly (7-9) in the third.

Twins 6, Indians 2

In Cleveland, Max Kepler hit two more home runs off Trevor Bauer, Jake Cave drove in three runs and Minnesota tightened its grip on the AL Central with a win over the Indians.

Kepler homered leading off the game and again in the second inning off Bauer (8-7), giving the Twins outfielder five homers in five consecutive atbats—all in Cleveland —over two games against the righthander. Kepler homered three times off Bauer on June 6.

Bauer shook off the early adventure and kept the Indians close, striking out 11 in six innings.

Cave homered in the second and added a two-run double in the eighth.

Brewers 5, Giants 4

In Mikwaukee, Ben Gamel's pinch-hit double in the bottom of the ninth drove in Ryan Braun with the winning run and the Brewers beat San Francisco.

Braun led off the inning against Reyes Moronta (3-5) and reached on shortstop Brandon Crawford's fielding error. After Mike Moustakas and Jesús Aguilar struck out, Keston Hiura walked. Gamel stepped in for Jeremy Jeffress (3-2) and hit a 2-2 pitched into the right-field corner. As Braun crossed the plate, the Brewers charged out of the dugout after Gamel to celebrate.

Madison Giants starter Bumgarner showed no effects of taking a line drive off his pitching elbow in his previous start. He threw 103 pitches, scattered

seven hits, struck out six and walked one in five innings.

Astros 7, Rangers 6, 11 innings

In Arlington, George Springer scored the go-ahead run from first base on Jose Altuve's twoout double in the 11th inning and AL West-leading Houston beat Texas after dropping the first two games in the series.

Springer drew a two-out walk off Brett Martin (1-1) before Altuve drove a ball into the left-center gap for his fourth hit. Altuve came home on a single by Myles Straw.

Shin-Soo Choo marked his 37th birthday with a leadoff homer for the Rangers, but he got stranded at second base in the 10th after he drew a one-out walk and went to second on a wild pitch by Josh James (4-0).

Braves 7, Padres 5, 10 innings

In San Diego, Josh Donaldson hit a two-run homer in the first inning and then scored the go-ahead run on Ozzie Albies' single with one out in the 10th, and Atlanta held on to beat the Padres.

Donaldson, who scored three runs, started the winning rally when he drew a leadoff walk against Luis Perdomo (1-2). He advanced on Nick Markakis' groundout and scored when Albies singled to right. Tyler Flowers added a two-run double.

Sean Newcomb (3-1) pitched the ninth for the win. He struck out rookie Fernando Tatis Jr. with two on to end the inning.

Manny Machado hit his 22nd homer in the first and his 23rd in the 10th. Francisco Mejia also homered.

After swap with Rockets, Thunder looking to trade Paul



an Oklahoma City uniform.

Those rumblings made zero sense.

Paul is a 34-year-old All-Star-caliber point guard seeking his first championship and carrying a contract with three years and \$124 million remaining.

The Thunder have implemented one of the most aggressive rebuilding plans in the history of the game, shipping off their best players for a treasure trove of draft picks to implement as they see fit over the next eight seasons.

These are two things that don't add up.

And, as it turns out—according to more sober Friday morning reporting — Oklahoma City has no intention of keeping Paul around.

According to ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski, the Thunder intend to deal Paul "as soon as they can."

"The market for Chris Paul is going to be small, but Miami's at the top of that list," Wojnarowski said on ESPN's "Get Up" on Friday. "They'd like to try to get that deal done as soon as they can. I was told there are some other teams too that are going to be discussed.

"Their hope in getting this deal done with Chris Paul was that he doesn't play a game in

a Thunder uniform."

That makes a lot more sense. The Heat were mentioned as potential trade partners in Thursday's reports and appear to remain the frontrunners. An aging Pat Riley made an aggressive move to get Jimmy Butler on board and would appear to covet another All-Star to play beside him as he seeks to build another winner in short order in Miami.

Paul's still a differencemaking point guard in the league, but his contract is an albatross that will make him difficult to deal to potential suitors that may be otherwise interested.

Until we hear otherwise, Miami appears to be an over-whelming favorite to land the nine-time All-Star. The Thunder already own Miami's first-round picks in 2021 and 2023, acquired in the deal that sent Paul George to the Clippers.

It will be interesting to see how this plays out if the two sides execute a deal.

Meanwhile, the Dallas Mavericks have officially resigned Kristaps Porzingis, the 7-foot-3 All-Star selection who still hasn't played a game for them since being acquired in a big deal before the trade deadline last season.

The Mavericks announced Friday that the deal was done.

Porzingis and the Mavericks agreed earlier this month on a \$158 million, five-year maximum contract—the last season being a player option. That will pair the Latvian



Houston Rockets guard Chris Paul (3) passes the ball in front of New Orleans Pelicans forward Anthony Davis (23) during the first half of an NBA basketball game in New Orleans, Sunday, March 24, 2019.

standout with fellow young Euro star Luka Doncic, the 20-year-old from Slovania who was the NBA's Rookie of the Year last season when he averaged 21.2 points.

Dallas sent a pair of firstround picks and Dennis Smith Jr., the ninth overall selection in the 2017 draft, to the New York Knicks for Porzingis in a seven-player trade last Jan. 31.

Porzingis, who turns 24 on Aug. 2, sat out all of last season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee on Feb 6, 2018, in what turned out to be his last game for the Knicks. The injury happened not long after Porzingis was named an All-Star.

In 186 games over three seasons with the Knicks after being the fourth overall pick in the 2015 draft, Porzingis averaged 17.8 points and 7.1 rebounds. He averaged 22.7 points through 48 games in 2017-18 before the injury that has since kept him out of NBA games.

In Minneapolis, the Minnesota Timberwolves have signed forward/center Jordan Bell, who left Golden State during the Warriors' offseason transformation.

Bell spent two seasons with the Warriors and was their starter at center in Game 1 of the NBA Finals. But he was one of a number of Warriors who won't be returning after Golden State's loss to Toronto.

The 6-foot-9 Bell averaged 3.9 points and 3.1 rebounds in 12.8 minutes per game over 125 games.

he wore in elementary and middle school, although he jokingly said the denial of No. 23 "was pretty hurtful."

Davis and James have been kept up to speed on Pelinka's machinations to build a strong roster around them. Davis strongly endorsed the signing of DeMarcus Cousins, his former teammate in New Orleans—and not just because Davis prefers to play as a power forward instead of a center.

"I like playing the 4," Davis said to a laughing coach Frank Vogel. "I'm not even going to sugarcoat it. I don't like playing the 5, but if it comes down to it, Coach, I'll play the 5."

Pelinka said the Lakers signed Cousins and re-signed JaVale McGee precisely so that Davis wouldn't wear down his body guarding centers.

Davis was asked about load management, and he dismissed it: "I'm playing. I'm 26 years old. I love the game of basketball. I'm ready to play."

Davis also waived a \$4 million trade kicker in his contract so the Lakers would have cap room to take their failed run at Kawhi Leonard, a move that Pelinka praised as selfless.

P, Calif. (AP) Davis wears No. 3, joins Lakers with championship plans

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP)
—Anthony Davis' year of uncertainty finally felt finished when he stood in the Los Angeles Lakers' training complex and proudly held up his new gold jersey while LeBron James looked on approvingly.

After months of upheaval around his departure from New Orleans, the superstar forward is looking forward to years of success and stability on the West Coast.

Sure, Davis knows the Lakers are rarely stable, and championships are the only success this franchise understands.

The six-time All-Star can't wait for the challenge of winning big in the Hollywood spotlight.

"The most difficult part for me was just not knowing," Davis said Saturday. "When it was announced that I was being traded, I don't want to say it was a relief, (but) it was something that I'd thought about for a long time. Obviously it was tough to leave the city I'd been playing in for seven years, but I think it was best for me.

"When I found out I'd been traded to the Lakers, I realized it was an unbelievable opportunity for me," he added. "To be here with a wonderful organization, and then to be able to play alongside LeBron and the players that we have now ... to get the opportunity to do that and come here and play for an organization that's all

that and come here and play for an organization that's all about winning, and winning championships, and that's the only goal, I think that was the biggest thing for me."

The Lakers formally acquired Davis this month in one of the biggest moves of the NBA's tumultuous off-season, but this courtship has been happening for much longer. Davis became determined to leave New Orleans last season, and Los Angeles made an in-season run at Davis before eagerly blowing up its young core to get a second game-changing star to play alongside James.

Lakers general manager Rob Pelinka introduced Davis as "the most dominant young basketball player in the world."

"There is no more complete basketball player in the game," Pelinka added. "There is nothing he can't do. He can shoot. He can make plays. He can defend 1 to 5. He can



Los Angeles Lakers NBA basketball team general manager Rob Pelinka, left, and head coach Frank Vogel, right, introduce Anthony Davis at a news conference at the UCLA Health Training Center in El Segundo, Calif., Saturday, July 13, 2019

protect the rim. He can handle the ball. His dedication to his craft is unparalleled. To sit here next to him and think he's going to be on our team and he's going to be a pillar in this franchise for many years is just something we're incredibly proud of."

The Lakers gave up Brandon Ingram, Lonzo Ball,

Josh Hart and a slew of draft picks to land Davis one year before he could become an unrestricted free agent. While Pelinka clearly expects Davis to sign a long-term deal to stay with the Lakers, Davis didn't make a declaration of his intentions right away.

"Right now, my focus is on this year, and trying to help this organization become a championship team," Davis said.

Davis' new jersey will bear a No. 3 after his plan to take his usual No. 23 from James fell through thanks to rules involving jersey supplier Nike, who had already begun planning for next season with James in the No. 23 shirt. Davis will go back to the number

Halep spoils Serena's bid for 24th Grand Slam

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Clutching her trophy 20 minutes after becoming Wimbledon's champion, Simona Halep checked out the board inside Centre Court that lists tournament winners. Below all of the mentions of Serena Williams, her opponent in Saturday's final, there already was inscribed: "Miss S. Halep.'

Halep was not concerned with preventing Williams from winning a 24th Grand Slam title. All Halep cared about was winning her first at the All England Club. And she played pretty much perfectly.

On top of her game right from start to finish, Halep overwhelmed Williams 6-2, 6-2 in stunning fashion for her second major championship. The whole thing took less than an hour as Williams lost her third Slam final in a row as she tries to equal Margaret Court's record for most major trophies in tennis history.

"I'm very sure," Halep said, "that was the best match of my life.

The No. 7-seeded Romanian made a mere three unforced errors, a remarkably low total and 23 fewer than Williams

Not bad for someone who has been frank about how iittery she has gotten in past big matches and began the day having lost nine of 10 matchups against Williams. But after losing each of her first three major finals, Halep now has won two straight, including at last year's French Open.

"She literally played out of her mind. Congratulations, Simona," Williams said during the trophy ceremony. "It was a little bit 'a deer in the headlights' for me."

Williams also lost in straight

The 2019 Wimbledon men's singles final is sure to be a match that will go down in history.

No. 1 ranked Novak Djokovic will face thirdranked and No. 2 seed Roger Federer on Centre Courttheir third finals matchup at the All England Club.

Federer has only lost three ic. In two highly competitive matches, Djokovic defeated Federer in a five-set marathon in 2014 and a four-setter in 2015. The pair also met at Wimbledon in the 2012 semifinals, which Federer won in four sets.

While Federer is regarded as one of the greatest to ever hold a racquet, Djokovic comes in as the reigning champion, and he's won eight of their last 10 matches against each other.

Federer, who is pushing the



sets against Angelique Kerber in the Wimbledon final a year ago, and against Naomi Osaka at the U.S. Open last September.

"I just have to figure out a way to win a final," Williams said.

The 37-year-old American hasn't won a tournament since the 2017 Australian Open, when she set the professionalera record of 23 Grand Slam championships (Court won 13 of her titles against amateur competition).

Williams was pregnant when she won in Australia and then took more than a year off the tour; her daughter, Olympia, was born in September 2017.

Since returning to tennis,

Williams has dealt with injuries but still managed to remain among the game's

elite. In part because of a bad left knee, she only had played 12 matches all season until Wimble-

"Just got to keep fighting," Williams said, "and just keep trying."

Didn't take long on Saturday for the 27-year-old Halep to demonstrate this was not going to be easy for Williams. Not by any means.

Showing off the talents and traits that once lifted her to No. 1 in the rankings, Halep never really gave Williams a chance to get into the match.

> "I've always been intimidated a little bit when I faced Serena. She's an inspiration for everyone and the model for everyone," Halep said. "Today, I de-

cided before the match that I'm going to focus on myself and on the final of (a) Grand Slam, not on her. That's why I was able to play my best, to be relaxed, and to be able to be positive and confident against her."

Halep tracked down everything, as is her wont. She didn't merely play defense,

though, managing to go from retrieving an apparent pointending stroke by Williams to lashing a winner of her own in

"I was over-hitting it, trying to go for too much," Williams said. "She was getting just a tremendous amount of balls back."

Her returns were exceptional, repeatedly getting back serves that left Williams' racket at 115 mph or more.

On this cloudy, cool afternoon, with the temperature in the low 70s (low 20s Celsius), Halep began with a pair of service breaks and even delivered the match's first ace, at 106 mph, which

something only Federer, Rafael Nadal and Rod Laver have accomplished in the Open era.

"Of course, I'm going to be excited and nervous and everything that you can think of," he said. "I'm going to do my best to control that in some way and be able to portray my best tennis."

There is history at stake whenever members of the Big Three find themselves in a Grand Slam final, which happens with remarkable frequency.

Whoever comes out on top Sunday, the 2019 Wimbledon title will be the 11th Slam in a row won by Federer, Djokovic or Nadal-and the 54th in the past 65.

"I am looking to make history in this sport," Djokovic said. "Of course, I would love to have a shot at as many Grand Slam titles as possible. Those are probably the top goals and ambitions."

put her out front 4-0 after 11 astonishing minutes.

Halep won 14 of the first 18 points, with many in the crowd roaring for each of the rare ones that went Williams' way. Halep produced eight winners before a single unforced error, avoiding a miscue until the seventh game.

Williams, in stark contrast, came out looking a bit tight, short-arming shots and accumulating nine unforced errors before conjuring up a single winner. She spoke after her semifinal victory about trying to remain calm on court, and that she did, even in the face of a player who was at her very best.

Williams would place a hand on her hip. Or put a palm up and look at her guest box, as if thinking, "What can I do?" Williams' greatest show of emotion came after she stretched for a forehand volley winner on the second set's second point. She leaned forward and yelled, "Come on!"

But the comeback never came. Halep broke to lead 3-2 in that set when Williams pushed a backhand long, and there wasn't much left from there.

Halep only had been as far as the semifinals once at Wimbledon until now. But she was determined to change that and said she told the locker-room attendants at the beginning of the tournament she wanted to grab a title to earn lifetime membership in the All England Club.

"So here I am," she said Saturday, the fortnight done, her trophy won. "It was one of my motivations before this tournament. So now I am happy."

Federer, Djokovic in epic clash

sport, could become the oldest man (37 years, 340 days) in the Open era to win a Grand Slam singles title. The Swiss native already made history this fortnight by becoming the first man to win 100 matches those losses came to Djokov- over Kei Nishikori in the quarterfinals.

> Federer is going for a record ninth Wimbledon title. This will be the 48th time Federer and Djokovic play against each other as pros, which is eight more than Federer vs. Nadal has happened. Their last match, at the 2018 Paris Masters, was forced to a third set tiebreaker, and Sunday will be a closely contested rematch. Djokovic leads the head-tohead series 25-22.

"It's the same like going

limit of age perceptions in the into a Rafa match: I think the moment you've played somebody, probably, more than 15 times—especially in recent years, also, a few timesthere's not that much more left out there. Especially, you know where the players go Wimbledon finals, and two of at a Grand Slam with his win when it really matters," the No 2-seeded Federer said looking ahead to Sunday's final, his 12th at the All England Club.

"How much can you still surprise somebody?"

It's also the 16th showdown between Federer and Djokovic at a Grand Slam tournament, breaking a tie with Djokovic vs. Nadal for the most by a pair of men in the Open era, which began in 1968.

Djokovic leads 25-22 overall, 9-6 at the majors, 3-1 in Grand Slam finals and 2-1 at Wimbledon.

Plus, Djokovic has won their four most recent showdowns.

"At the end of the day, it comes very much down to who's better on the day, who's in a better mental place, who's got more energy left," Federer said, "who's tougher when it really comes to the crunch "

He is 8-1 in past finals at the grass-court tournament he's ruled the way no other man has. Two of those defeats were in 2014 and 2015 against Djokovic; the other came in 2008 against Nadal.

Djokovic, 32, could also make history on Sunday. A win would make the Serbian the first man in the Open era over age 30 to successfully defend a Wimbledon title. A victory would also be his fourth major title since turning 30,

Mita hails CNMI's build up for Marianas Cup

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Northern Mariana Islands Football As-

sociation technical director Michiteru Mita is pleased with the turnout of the CNMI Men's U19 National Team's training camp in Matsuyama, Japan.

"The Japan training camp was a success. The team struggled a bit during the first two matches, but the players took the lead, had a meeting, and discussed areas of improvement on their own. They applied the learning during the following three matches, resulting in one win over a very skilled Japanese team," said Mita, who is also the squad's head coach and facilitated the eight-day training camp held late last month.

The group, whose members are composed mostly of U19 players and reinforced with some U23, had regular train-



ing sessions at the Hokuiyo Sports Center and challenged collegiate, club, and high school teams in Japan. The CNMI players squared off against St. Catherine University twice and also challenged Matsuyama Technical High School, Ehime University, FC Imabari Youth. "During the last matches, even though we did not win, I could see that the players put their 100% and vigorously

played to their full potential," said Mita, who set the training camp to prepare the team for the 2019 Marianas Cup that Guam will be hosting this Sunday at the Guam Football Association National Training Center in Dededo.

"These were also acknowledged by the head coach of the opposing team, who was impressed with CNMI's good attitudes and hard work," Mita said.

After the training camp, the group just took a few days of rest before resuming their preparations for the Marianas Cup at the NMI Soccer Training in Koblerville. Mita said that in the last few days of their training, they will work on their chemistry and conditioning.

"We will ensure that the whole team has a common understanding about our game strategies and maintains itshigh spirits and concentration. We will also enhance team chemistry and players' conditioning," the coach said.

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back to its soil.

The last time Palau hosted the Pacific Mini Games was in 2005 with New Caledonia winning the overall championship with its 56-29-25 gold-silver-bronze medal tally from 12 sports. Fiji (23-21-16) and Nauru (18 gold medals) rounded out the Top 3.

Meanwhile, Australia and New Zealand were named associate members of the council during yesterday's meeting, while New Caledonia's Roger Kaddour became a life member of the PGC.

Athletics competition starts

The medal rich athletics competition will kick off today with Beo Ngirchongor and Traven Quitugua the first ones to see action for the CNMI at the Apia Stadium's track oval.

Quitugua is on Heat 3 of the qualifying races for the 100m run. He will be up against Kiribati's Tirioro Willie, Nauru's Jonah Harris, Samoas Jeremy Doson, Tonga's Fohe Michael Folau, the Federated States of Micronesia's Scott Fiti, and the Solomon Islands's Kevin Pio.

Ngirchongor is also entered in the 100m run and is on Heat 1 along with the Solomon Islands'

Paul Ma'Unikani, Tonga's Ronald Fatofili, Fiji's Ratu Tabakaucoro, Papua New Guinea's Michael Penny, the Cook Islands' Tikove Piira, and Guam's John Paul Dimalanta.

In the women's 5,000m run, Tania Tan will race against PNG's Mary Tenge, Monica Kalua, and Poro Gahekave, Vanuatu's Margarte Kuras, Sharon Firifua and Dianah Matekali, and Guam's Noshista Benavente.

Zarinae Sapong and Lia Rangamar are the two other CNMI bets competing in athletics with the former joining the qualifier in the 100m tomorrow and the latter doing the javelin throw on Thursday.



CNMI players perform warm-up drills during their training camp in Japan.

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Kelley to duel Schorr.

"I think they thought their No. 2 would beat Robbie and they would have saved him (Kelley) for the doubles and gold medal match in the afternoon," Race said.

Obviously, the ploy back-fired on Tahiti, as Schorr hammered Chung, and the CNMI did not even have to play the doubles game, as Colin Sinclair also prevailed in his singles match, beating Heimanarii Lai San, 6-2, 6-1, to move the Commonwealth to the gold medal game.

The finals was set Friday afternoon and was stretched to early evening due to rain with the CNMI pitted against Papua New Guinea, which edged Samoa in the other semis tiff, 2-1.

Schorr was first up in the gold medal showdown and eased past Mark Stuart Gibbons in the opening set, 6-0. While the first set was a gimme for the Commonwealth junior player,



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CNMI athletes and supporters watch Robbie Schorr play against Mark Stuart Gibbons in the first men's singles game of the gold medal duel between the Commonwealth and Papua New Guinea in the XVI Pacific Games last Friday night at the Apia Tennis Court in Samoa.

the second was a different story, as Gibbons went toe-to-toe with Schorr before the former pulled off a 7-5 triumph to move the CNMI one win away from securing the gold.

In the second singles game, Sinclair was caught off guard by Matthew Dean Tui Stubbings, who raced to a 2-0 lead. However, the moment Sinclair got into his rhythm, not even a

rain-delay prevented the world No. 53 (ITF rankings) from storming back and sealing the deal for the CNMI. Sinclair won the five games before rain halted the first set, which when resumed ended right away, as the CNMI player took a 6-2 triumph. Sinclair went on to extend his streak, dominating the second set, 6-0, and handing the Commonwealth its first medal in the XVI Pacific Games.

"Hopefully, a couple more are coming," said Race, whose wards returned to the court right on the next day to compete in the men's and women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles.

Tan, Song advance

In the women's singles, Tania Tan survived the opener with a three-set victory.

Tan lost to American Samoa's Paris Redskin in the first set, 6-7 (9), but stole the win after sweeping the last two, 6-3, 6-3, to advance to the second round where she will face No. 3 seed Steffi Carruthers of Samoa.

Carol Lee, Malika Miyawaki, and Isabel Heras were the other CNMI entries in the women's singles and all three drew a bye in the opening round last Saturday. Miyawaki

will face No. 6 Naia Guitton of Tahiti today, while No. 5 Lee and No. 13 Heras will take on Samoa's Ela Puleni Vakaukamea and Sauleone Anasis Saipele, respectively.

In the men's singles, Song moved to the second round where he will challenge No. 13 Larry Magalasin of American Samoa after a walkover against Kiribati's Dallas Addi. Sinclair, the No. 1 seed and drew a bye in the opener, will meet Icham Tidjane, while No. 8 Schorr will square off against Samoa's Matavao Faleta Fanguna.

In yesterday's results, Schorr teamed up with Heras in beating Kiribati's Tebatibunga Tito and Kaoa Fakaofo, 6-4, 6-1. Schorr and Heras will face American Samoa's Christian Duchnak and Kalani Soli for a quarterfinals berth in the mixed doubles. Sinclair and Lee will also go for a Round of 8 slot against the duo of Vanuatu's Desiree Signo and Noah Molbaleh after sweeping Fiji's Raynal Singh and Ruby Coffin yesterday, 6-2, 6-1.

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Men's tennis team delivers gold





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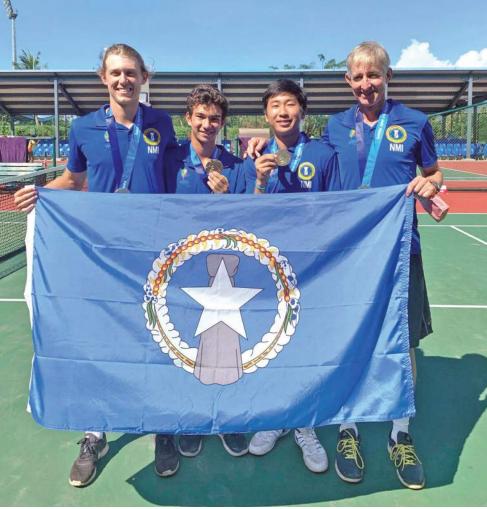
Palau will be hosting the 2025

obbie Schorr, Colin Sinclair, and Ken Song repaid the faith head coach Jeff Race gave them by ruling the men's team tennis event in the XVI Pacific Games in Samoa.

"I was telling people I would eat my hat if we didn't win a medal. So, at least I won't have to do that, LOL," said Race shortly after the CNMI Men's Tennis Team was XVI PACIFICO guaranteed to win a silver medal following a semis victory, 2-0, over Tahiti last Friday morning at the Apia

Tennis Court. Against Tahiti, Robbie Schorr handed the Commonwealth the first win after sweeping Ridge Chung, 6-1, 6-3. It was not the matchup that Race was expecting, as he was

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From left, players Colin Sinclair, Robbie Schorr, Ken Song, and coach Jeff Race proudly pose with their medals during the awards ceremony for the XVI Pacific Games last Saturday in Samoa.

2025 Mini Games in Palau

Pacific Mini Games. The island's selection was made during the Pacific Games Council general assembly at the Sheraton Aggie Grey's in Samoa yesterday. Palau won over American Samoa, whose bid was considered non-compliant to the PGC's statutes and regulations. American Samoa and Niue, a couple of years ago, had also submitted bids to host the 2025 event and the winner was originally set to be picked last year, but the council deferred the decision due to the same reason (noncompliant), opening the door for Palau to bring the Games



The Apia Park Stadium's track facility will be busy starting today as the athletics competition in the See 2025 on Page 27 XVI Pacific Games kicks off.

